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Titanic Battle Raging In Desert

(BY "REUTER" CORRESPONDENT
WITH ADVANCED BRITISH FORCES
IN THE WESTERN DESERT)

CAIRO, June 18.—A battle began in the Western Desert on Sunday which may prove the greatest of the Libyan campaign. Precisely at dawn, British and Indian forces advanced on Hellfire Pass, Capuzzo and Sollum from four different directions.

A small armoured force followed the coast road, infantry supported by tanks and artillery spread across the plain extending from the sea to the escarpment, a famous English and another Scottish regiment attacked along the escarpment itself and an armoured division made a wide sweep out into the desert with the audacious intention of attacking Sollum from the west and taking the Germans in the rear.

On Saturday evening a British Brigadier outlined to me the plan of attack for each of the four columns. With a walking stick, he drew in the sand the routes to be taken, the obstacles to be encountered and the enemy's probable strength.

"May Be Decisive Scrap"

Quietly confident and enthusiastic, the Brigadier concluded: "It is going to be a great scrap. It may be a decisive scrap."

Advancing from the rear on Saturday morning, we threaded our way through long lines of motorised transport, artillery and Bren gun carriers.

The German air force was strangely absent and we arrived within five miles of Hellfire Pass before the patrolling Hurricanes were challenged. Then began a series of half-raising aerial dogfights which continued all day.

Advancing to within some two miles of Hellfire Pass down the centre of the plain, we had a grandstand view of the British shelling of the Pass from a "protecting" ridge. It could follow the shells from the flash to the final satisfactory pop as great fountains of sand and smoke plumed into the air around the German positions.

Meanwhile, British light artillery was moving closer and medium and heavy guns were steadily advancing from the rear.

Never for one minute were fighter planes absent.

Back at Brigade Headquarters, the Brigadier again gave us a few moments in which he announced the capture of Bir Waeir, which is

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Big Cheque From The "Bellows"

The Fellowship of the Bellows has now contributed \$15,000 to the Bomber Fund, the third cheque for \$5,000 having been received yesterday. The appeal to members whose subscriptions were overdue, has met with a good response, although there are still some procrastinators. The membership is increasing satisfactorily, having passed the 2,600 mark.

Importance Attached To Big Desert Battle

STOCKHOLM, June 18 (Reuter).—"The greatest importance is attached to the outcome of the fighting at Sollum as the losing side will be exhausted," says the Berlin correspondent of the "Dagens Nyheter" to-day.

The battle, adds the writer, is compared with the hardest fighting in the whole of last year.

Like Marshal Graziani, General Rommel, the German commander, appeared with a prepared offensive and General Wavell attacked in order to break the head of the enemy's advance.

German military circles do not believe that the fighting will continue for many days, owing to difficulties of supply.

TURKEY SIGNS A FRIENDSHIP AGREEMENT WITH GERMANY

Assures Inviolability of Territories

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, June 18 (UP).—IT IS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED IN BERLIN THAT GERMANY AND TURKEY HAVE CONCLUDED A FRIENDSHIP PACT.

THE PACT WHICH IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY IS FOR A PERIOD OF TEN YEARS AND PROVIDES THAT EACH RESPECT THE OTHER'S TERRITORY AND THAT IN THE FUTURE, CONTACT WITH EACH OTHER ON ALL QUESTIONS OF MUTUAL INTEREST WILL BE MADE IN A FRIENDLY MANNER. THEY HAVE JOINTLY DECLARED TO CEASE ALL HOSTILE PRESS, AND RADIO PROPAGANDA, AND HAVE ALSO SIGNED A DECLARATION ANNOUNCING AND PROVIDING FOR AN EXTENSION OF THE PACT AND THE INTENSIFICATION OF TURKO-GERMAN ECONOMIC RELATIONS.

NAZIS LOSE 20 WARPLANES

R.A.F.'s Big Bag Over Desert

CAIRO, June 18 (Reuter).—The destruction of 20 enemy aircraft in the Western Desert battle yesterday is the feature of the R.A.F. Middle East communiqué.

The communiqué states: "Aircraft of the R.A.F. and the South African Air Force continued to give full support to the operations by ground forces in the Western Desert yesterday."

"Fighters repeatedly engaged enemy aircraft which attempted to attack the troops and destroyed 12 Junkers-87s, two G-50s and six Messerschmitt-109s."

"During the day, they were also active in machine-gunning enemy motor transport on roads in the Gazala area and did considerable damage."

"Bomber aircraft carried out a number of attacks on enemy armoured cars and transport."

"Bombs Among Tanks"

"In the Sidi Omar area, bombs fell among tanks and transport, destroying or disabling more than 20 vehicles and in the same area, armoured cars, light tanks and troop concentrations were shot up."

"During the night of June 16-17, heavy bombers attacked a number of targets. Hits were registered on the Central Mole and elsewhere in the harbour area at Benghazi."

"Bombs were dropped on the landing grounds at Derna and Gazala, where a number of fires were started, and at Bardia, several motor transport vehicles were set on fire and others damaged."

"There is nothing of outstanding importance to report from other fronts."

"From all these operations, six aircraft are missing."

SHANGHAI SHOOTING

Japanese Say One Man Confesses

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHANGHAI, June 18 (UP).

Japanese army officials to-day said that Yu Shin-lin, 22, who was captured following the assassination of Mr. Akagi, Japanese Deputy Police Commissioner on June 17, has confessed to the shooting.

Yu asserted that he had been dispatched by General Han Te-chin, the Chungking appointed Governor of Kiangsu province, to go to Shanghai for the purpose of killing Mr. Akagi.

The Municipal police, co-operating with the Japanese, arrested two accomplices at the Dahlo Hotel, Hong-kow, yesterday afternoon following Yu's confession.

Meanwhile, Mr. Paul Scheut, Dean of the Shanghai Consular body, sent a letter to the Japanese Consul General and also to Major Kenneth M. Bourne, Municipal Police Commissioner, expressing "appreciation" for the "valuable act" of assassination, and also his sorrow.

U. S. Naval Reservists

WASHINGTON, June 18 (Reuter).

Stand-by orders have been issued to the last remaining naval reservists, states the Navy Department.

The announcement regarding the pact stated that the "two nations were inspired by a desire to place relations on a basis of mutual confidence and sincere friendship and had agreed without prejudice to the present obligations of both countries to conclude the treaty."

"Neither country will take any measure 'aimed directly or indirectly against the other contracting party.'"

It was officially announced that the German Ambassador, Colonel von Pappe and M. Sarajoglu, the Turkish Foreign Minister, signed the pact at Ankara at nine p.m. to-night.

Text of Treaty

"Reuter" adds that the text of the Turkish-German Treaty of Friendship, signed at Ankara, consists of three articles which state:

(1) Germany and Turkey bind themselves mutually to respect the integrity and inviolability of their national territory and not to resort to any measures direct or indirect against their treaty partner.

(2) Germany and Turkey bind themselves in future in all questions touching their common interests to have friendly contact with each other in order to reach an understanding in the treatment of such questions.

(3) This article provides for ratification which will be exchanged in Berlin.

The Treaty is valid for ten years with the possibility of prolongation.

Why Turks Gave In

(BY "REUTER'S" DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT)

LONDON, June 18 (Reuter).—Ever since Yugoslavia and Greece were overwhelmed by Nazi forces, Turkey has been subjected to ever-increasing pressure to bring her into line with the Axis.

Not only has the German occupation of the Aegean Islands exposed Turkey to the menace of attack where her defences are weakest, but she has had little support or encouragement from her nearest neighbour with whom her ties have been the closest.

Turkey has also suffered severely by the defection of France which

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LATEST

Finnish Ships Detained

LONDON, June 18 (UP).—The Ministry of Economic Warfare to-day announced that the Royal Navy has intercepted and detained three Finnish ships which were en-route to Petsamo during the past few days.

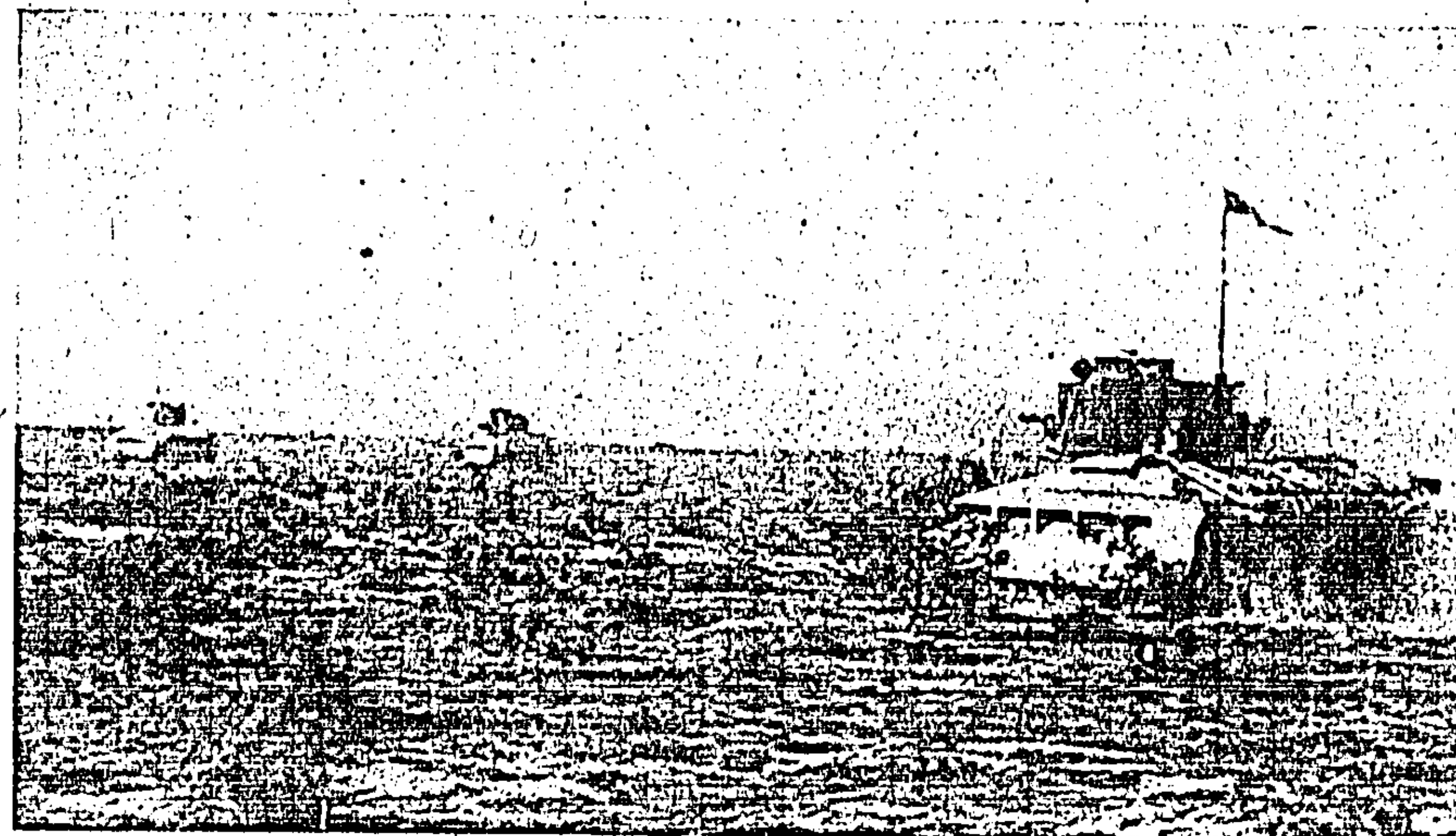
It was stated that Britain no longer regards Finland as a "truly independent State."

Beirut Bombed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BEIRUT, June 18 (UP).—On Tuesday night Beirut had three bombings in which six civilians were killed and twenty wounded.

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Loss Of Crete Debated In Lords Members Told Of Brighter Side

LONDON, June 18 (Reuter).—The debate on Crete in the House of Lords was initiated by Lord Addison who dwelt particularly upon the defence of aerodromes in which, he declared, there is a division of responsibility.

If the higher direction on that matter was responsible to the defeat in Crete, we should not run similar risks in our home defence.

Lord Addison said that he was himself responsible in March and April this year for bringing to the notice of the War Office and the Air Ministry a very serious memorandum on the subject, but nothing happened.

Lord Addison argued that the reason why this vital matter was not apprehended adequately is because not enough play has been given at the top to brains.

Viscount Samuel (Lib.) found much cause for gratification. Alluding to a number of important occurrences in which Hitler has failed, Lord Samuel quoted the phrase by Carlyle: "You may paint with a very big brush and yet not be a great painter."

Spain Still Neutral

He referred to Iraq and to the fact that contrary to expectations a year ago, Hitler had not yet shaken Spain's neutrality and marched on Gibraltar.

The affection and mutual confidence between the Soviet and Germany, continued Lord Samuel, was now apparently shown by the massing of armed millions from the Baltic to the Black Sea.

The Soviet alliance with Japan has not frightened the United States from talking over action to assist the Allies. American opinion must be greatly influenced by the attitude of sister republics in Central and South America which Germany has been making intense efforts to influence but has failed.

America's Solid

The whole of the 21 American Republics and the Pan-American Union remain solid.

The Battle of the Atlantic is far

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Free French Reach Suburbs of Damascus

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, June 18 (UP).—A despatch to the "Exchange Telegraph" from Jerusalem to-night states that the Free French troops reached the western suburbs of Damascus this evening. Vichy troops are delaying the fall of the city by shelling the roads.

Satisfactory Position

CAIRO, June 18 (Reuter).—The position in Syria is considered satisfactory in circles usually well-informed.

The Vichy raiding thrusts round Kuneitra and Merj Ayoun have been contained and ample forces are available to drive them back.

This action is in fact in full swing. Further east, the Allied forces are slowly making their way down the foothills leading to Damascus Plain.

With Allied columns making headway towards the city from various points of the compass, the situation is, however, somewhat confused.

Indian troops here, as in North Africa, are taking part and are doing a fine job of work, particularly in the coastal sector.

Kuneitra Recaptured

JERUSALEM, June 18 (Reuter).—It is authoritatively stated that the Allies have recaptured Kuneitra.

Darlan's Appeal

VICHY, June 18 (UP).—Admiral Darlan, the Vice Premier, in a radio speech addressed to the de Gaulle troops fighting in Syria, offered amnesty if they desert the British, cross the lines and surrender to General Dentz, but added that there would be no amnesty for officers, who would be punished if they were caught.

The Admiral reiterated that there are no Germans or Italians fighting in Syria, wherefore he invited General de Gaulle to cease fighting against Frenchmen.

Antipodean Liaison

CANBERRA, June 18 (Reuter).—Mr. R. G. Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, announced to-day that he had discussed the question of an exchange of High Commissioners with Mr. Peter Fraser, the New Zealand Prime Minister, when he was passing through there.

The matter had been under discussion for some time.

Accused Testifies In Kenya Society Trial

NAIROBI, June 18 (Reuter).—Sir Delves Broughton, who is charged with the murder of the Earl of Erroll, giving evidence in the trial to-day did not agree that Erroll's death was a satisfactory solution to his (Broughton's) domestic troubles.

He agreed that he had previously said that he would take his wife back if Erroll and she fell out of love while Broughton was in Ceylon, but he now added that his would have depended on what kind of life she had led while he was away.

Replying to the judge, accused said

that his toast at dinner on January 23 to his wife and Lord Erroll and their future heir was absolutely sincere.

Broughton denied being involved in a scene at the Muthaiga Club, when, soon after his arrival at Nairobi, it was alleged that he threatened to throw champagne in his wife's face or break the bottle over the man's head.

Accused said that it was a complete fairy tale.

Bomb Kills Victoria League Secretary

Miss Gertrude Drayton Grimke-Drayton, C.B.E., Secretary of the Victoria League, a kindly hostess in London to many Far Eastern students, was killed during a recent raid on London.

Aged 60, she preferred to be known as Miss Gertrude Drayton and was the elder daughter of the late Mr and Mrs T. D. Grimke-Drayton.

For many years she had devoted all her keen intelligence and remarkable energy to the welfare of Overseas Empire students in London, and the success of the Victoria League has been principally due to her untiring efforts—many thousands of men and women of all races throughout the Empire will mourn her tragic death, and hate anew the men who caused it.

Work For Service Men

"The Times" says that by Miss Drayton's death not only has the Victoria League lost a quite invaluable secretary, but the Empire has lost one whose services to the promotion of goodwill among the citizens of our whole Commonwealth of Nations were of outstanding quality.

Beginning her work during the last war, when she organised hostels for overseas soldiers, the value of which was widely appreciated, throughout the years of peace she was the main-spring of the Victoria League's work in organising hospitality for visitors to this country from the Dominions and Colonies.

To an intense activity and administrative energy she added a remarkable memory for persons and faces whereby she established personal relations with the representatives of the league's overseas branches, which were greatly widened and strengthened by visits paid shortly before the war to Australia and New Zealand.

She also maintained an active correspondence with the branches so as to keep alive their interests with the central work of the league, and in all ways to promote the feeling of fellowship among the members of our common Empire.

"A Gallant Soul"

With the outbreak of the present war she threw herself heart and soul into the organisation of the King George and Queen Elizabeth club for Service men from overseas in Mallet Street where accommodation was provided for over 400 men.

The best evidence of the success of her work is found in the stream of gratitude which has flowed in from the men who have experienced its hospitality amid constant difficulties and the necessity of improvising solutions for unforeseen problems.

She was never dismayed and never spared herself in any emergency. Her zeal pervaded everything, and inspired everybody. In this cause she laid down her life.

Thousands of friends at home and overseas, and thousands of sailors, soldiers, and airmen of the Empire will lament the passing of a gallant soul who lived and died to serve them.

Philippine Economy To Be Bolstered

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MANILA, June 19 (UP).—It is learned that Mr Francis Sayre, High Commissioner, has cabled the Secretary of the Interior, Mr Harold Ickes endorsing not only the suspension of the export taxes on Philippine products as proposed in a bill pending before Congress, but also the suspension of the quota limitations in order to bolster Philippine economy in view of the adverse war conditions.

Famous Dance Band Leader Killed in Air Raid

Ken ("Snake Hips") Johnson, famous West End coloured dance band leader, and Martin Poulson, who rose from £2 a week as a waiter to be one of London's best-known restaurant owners, have been killed in a recent air raid on London.

Johnson, who was born in Georgetown, British Guiana, 27 years ago, got his nickname from admirers, who said he moved his hips in perfect time to the rhythm of his West Indian band.

BRITISH WAR ORGANISATION FUND

Help Bombed Civilians in Britain

Old clothes of all descriptions are badly needed for Men, Women and Children in the Bombed Areas in Britain. Such gifts will be received by the B. W. O. F., c/o Government House, during office hours, Mondays to Fridays from 9.30 a.m. to 4 p.m., allowing for Lunch Interval and Saturdays from 9.30 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Chungking Air Raid Shelters

CHUNGKING, June 18 (Central News).—Chungking is taking steps to improve air raid shelters following the suffocation disaster in a tunnel during a Japanese air raid on June 6.

Centrifugal control has been recommended by the Air Raid Shelters Technical and Management Committee following a preliminary survey of the private and public dugouts as well as the tunnels.

Diesel generators for the operation of fans and lights, already installed in several sections of the vast tunnel system, will be in the charge of the engineering section of the Air Defence Headquarters and the Public Works Bureau.

The tunnels which have been completely cleaned will be linked up with the Air Defence Headquarters by telephones so that the people seeking shelter there will be in constant contact with the Headquarters.

Specialised Supervision

Ventilation, lighting, sanitation, inspection, supply of information and educational programmes in all dugouts and tunnels will be carefully mapped out. Managers will be chosen. They will be required to study a short course on management before they are allowed to take up their duties.

Construction of more shelters has also been suggested.

U.S. Judge On Issues of War

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., June 18 (Reuter).—In the United States Supreme Court, Mr Justice Felix Frankfurter, one of President Roosevelt's closest advisers, said today that it was fallacious to believe that "war never settles anything."

Speaking against "the paralysing evasions of thought," Judge Frankfurter, addressing women graduates of Radcliffe College, adjacent to Harvard University, said: "The Civil War settled slavery; this war will settle the quality of your lives and your children's lives."

Colonial Trade With Americas

LONDON, June 18 (Reuter).—Questioned in the House of Commons to-day about the development of trade with the United States and South America for colonial products, the Under-Secretary for the Colonies, Mr G. H. Hall, declared that colonial exports to America, especially the United States, were encouraged by all practicable means.

The possibility of increased exports of a number of commodities was already discussed with the United States authorities, and a Colonial Office official was recently sent to Washington specially to continue the discussions.



JAM SESSION—Hitler's airmen swung into the groove over Plymouth, England, recently and turned out to be rug-cutters with their bombs. They hit a store and knocked the jam shelf-galley west. Here are girl employees, like true hep-cats, having a jam session gathering it up.

Docile Bunch of Italians Arrive In Australia

A large party of Italian prisoners, captured during the Libyan campaign, have arrived in Sydney.

Among the prisoners are five medical officers, including a former professor of surgery at Turin University, and a priest.

Anzac veterans of the Greek campaign acted as guards on the voyage from a Middle East port.

The Anzacs had been evacuated from Greece in a British destroyer. They volunteered for service in the prison ship, believing it would take them back to their unit.

None of the prisoners is a Fascist, but were described by an Italian officer as "King's Men."

Some of them, he said, had been members of King Victor Emmanuel's personal guard.

Because of their good conduct early on the voyage, they were given the run of the ship.

Many, who had been cafe proprietors and waiters in private life, were allowed to become ship's stewards.

None spoke English, but a bright prisoner, before he served the soup, invariably raised both arms and shouted, "Hell with Hitler, hell with Mussolini."

The prisoners were landed by ferry from a liner.

Police launches patrolled each side of the ferry from ship to shore.

Armed Military Guard

On the ferry were military police armed with revolvers and rifles.

The prisoners came ashore through a double line of soldiers with fixed bayonets.

"Facing down the line of soldiers to entrain they were each issued with a burgundy-coloured greatcoat and a tin pannikin.

First ashore was a medical officer with the rank of captain.

He wore green-grey breeches, black jackboots, khaki tunic, and a crown, three stars, and an anchor on his shoulder.

The officer, told by an interpreter he would travel in a special carriage, waved his hands and spoke rapidly in Italian.

He asked that his orderly should accompany him.

The orderly wore red crosses on his cap, arm, shoulder, and the tops of his stockings.

He was dressed in khaki shorts and tunic, long grey stockings, rolled white ankle socks, and slippers.

Orderly's Burden

He carried three suitcases, a medical kit, a despatch case, two sets of rolled blankets, two packs, and two kittingbags.

The officer carried his overcoat and water-bottle.

He told military officials that he was a native of Piedmont, and won his degree at Turin University.

He said all civilian doctors had been called up in Italy, and he had spent eight months in Libya, most of the time as a prisoner of war.

Asked how he liked Australia, he said: "It is very nice here, but not as a prisoner. But the place I have come from was far worse."

He asked if he could write to his family, who, he said, might not know he was a prisoner.

A guard veteran of the last war, described the prisoners as a "docile bunch."

"They are only a lot of boys. They are like the lot we used to bring down from the Somme," he said.

Many of the Italians did not look 20 years old, but the average age was between 24 and 25.

The majority were barely 5ft. 4in. in height.

Tattered Uniforms

Some were in tattered remnants of green and khaki uniforms, shorts, slacks of all colours, stewards' white coats, torn overcoats, and zipper canvas working dress.

They wore towels, rags, cotton waste, crocheted lace, and white stockings as neck scarves.

They carried packs, tin trunks, satchels, duffel bags, corn sacks, baskets, and handkerchief bundles. Several had chess boards painted on the sides of trunks.

The prisoners were given packages of food for their train journey.

ST LAWRENCE PROJECT Knox Commends

WASHINGTON, June 18 (Reuter).—A strong plea for approval of the St Lawrence seaway scheme was made to-day by Colonel Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy.

The scheme is for combined Canadian-United States action to deepen the connection between the upper St Lawrence and the sea.

Colonel Knox declared: "We are going to live in a disturbed world for a long time. It would be advantageous to build ships in an area reasonably secure from attack from without."

Colonel Knox was addressing the House of Representatives Harbours Committee.

Bomber Downed Over Britain

LONDON, June 18 (Reuter).—One enemy bomber was destroyed on Tuesday night in raids on Britain.

A very small number of enemy aircraft flew over the coastal areas in the southwest this afternoon.

Up to 6 p.m. G.M.T., no reports were received of any bombs having been dropped, states an Air Ministry communique.

Japan's Diplomatic Failure

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MANILA, June 19 (UP).—The American owned "Manila Bulletin" in an editorial to-day, states that the rejection of the Japanese demands by the Netherlands East Indies represented a failure in the opening of the diplomatic phase of Japan's southern offensive.

It suggested that Japanese hesitation is due to Britain's continued resistance and also the determined attitude of the United States.

Emden Brass To Be Used For Fittings On Chasers

Brass Relics of the Great War German raider Emden, which was sunk off the Cocos Islands in Nov. 9, 1914, by H.M.A.S. Sydney, have been presented in the cause of salvage in Singapore and will be melted down and turned into integral parts of two submarine chasers being built there.

The relics are two big wheels and a coupling, owned by a European rubber broker who came into possession of them only a few months ago.

Early in 1938, Japanese fishermen brought back to Singapore shells which they had salvaged from the Emden. More Japanese fishing boats went out, picked up more scrap from the Emden.

These three relics were part of the fishing boat's cargo.

The three pieces have been sent to the Singapore Harbour Board which is building and presenting the two submarine chasers to the Royal Navy.

These vessels will be equipped complete with armaments, stores and fittings.

The offer of a gift of two such vessels was accepted by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, and

Japanese Plan New Drive

Hankow Reinforced

CHUNGKING, June 18 (Reuter).—Intensive reconnoitring by Japanese aircraft in the past two days along both banks of the Siang River in northern Hunan, including the towns of Hsiangyang, Sinshih, Pingkiang and Chingchun, is causing speculation whether the Japanese intend to launch a drive in that region.

Field dispatches from the northern Hunan front report that the Japanese forces in southern Hupeh, along the Hupeh-Hunan Railway, have launched attacks between Tungchen, Tsungyang and Tungshan, towards points on the Hunan border but it is pointed out that so far the fighting has been of minor importance.

Information reaching Chinese military authorities indicates that the Japanese have been sending reinforcements to the Hankow area, probably between one and two divisions.

MALAY LABOUR INQUIRY

Adviser from U.K.

LONDON, June 18 (Reuter).—Major Orde Brown, Colonial Office Labour Adviser, is now in the Mauritius but he will proceed to Malaya in connection with the inquiry into the recent labour unrest.

When questioned in the House of Commons as to whether the Malayan Government's report was yet available, the Under-Secretary for the Colonies, Mr G. H. Hall, stated that the Colonial Secretary was consulting the High Commissioner with a view to securing an early investigation and conciliation in the instances of Malayan Labour unrest.

Mr Sorensen asked whether the inquiry would be comprehensive covering the political, economic and other aspects, and Mr Hall said that it would be a matter for the High Commissioner to decide the scope of the inquiry.



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"WICK'S" BOWLS NOTES

Recreio "A" Suffer Second Defeat

Incidents That Involved Knowledge Of Rules

Important Game This Week-end

FOR THE INDIANS, their victory over Recreio "A" in the First Division of the League last Saturday was historic. During their four seasons among the seniors, they have beaten, at one time or another, every other team except Recreio "A" who have always proved too good for them. And their success last week was all the more creditable in that it was scored at King's Park.

This was the champions' second defeat this season—a fact which may jeopardise their prospects of retaining the championship.

Certainly the race for League honours in the First Division is now very open with at least three teams running neck to neck.

Once before—in 1939—the Indian nearly beat Recreio "A", but the brilliance of Carlos Silva on the last head of the day—in fact with the last wood—dashed their hopes. In those days the issue was decided on aggregate scores, and when two rinks had finished and A. R. Dallah and Silva were playing their last head, the teams were on level terms. Dallah's rink laid the shot when Silva was about to send down his last wood. He seemed to be well and truly blocked on the only hand that was open to him, but he rolled a beauty which rested on the jack for the winning shot.

To return to last week's game. It was Dallah's rink which laid the foundation for the Indians' victory. Playing well to a man, they easily outplayed the rink skipped by R. P. Luz and won by no fewer than 21 shots.

All the way Dallah's four were covering the deficit of the other two Indian rinks. A. K. Mnu was in a bad way and was lucky to lose by only ten shots to M. da Silva, while M. R. Abbas was all the time until the last two heads.

Excitement ran high towards the end as it could be seen that the aggregate result was still very much in doubt. But on the 20th head, Abbas scored a six to tie his score with Carlos Silva, and then finished up with a three for his winning margin.

These two heads swung the scales heavily in favour of the Indians, and with Dallah scoring a brace on the last head, the visitors won by 14 shots—the biggest of three defeats the champions have sustained in 52 matches.

An interesting point cropped up in this match. Carlos Silva, who suffers from kidney trouble, had one of his periodic attacks towards the latter stages of his game. Could he drop out?

The rules say: "In the absence of a single player... the game will proceed and the number of bowls shall be made up by the playing of the odd bowls by the first and second players, each playing one bowl each, but one fourth of the total shots scored by any rink playing three men shall be deducted from its score at the end of the game."

That is clear enough. But, if a player, after playing ten heads, for example, is taken ill, what is the procedure?

It has been suggested that he drop out at that stage and a fourth total shots scored by his rink in the remaining heads deducted at the end of the game.

Apparently there is a precedent for this. Many years ago, Buchanan, (who was a Prisoner of War), playing lead for Craigengower, was summoned back to the prison owing to a riot having broken out. The game went on and a fourth of the total shots scored on the

remaining heads by his rink were deducted. If G. Silva had dropped out in the last five or six heads, and this procedure adopted by his rink, the chances are that his rink would have won. This is not meant to be a reflection on Silva's play; we know what a fine bowler he is. But no man can play properly with a kidney trouble attack.

THERE was another incident in the match which goes to show how few people know the rules. On one of the heads, R. F. Luz dropped his wood and it rolled less than half a yard down the green. It finished up past the first flag but not up to the second.

Actually the flags had nothing to do with it, but somebody said the wood was dead because it was not past the second flag, and another said the wood was "alive" because it was past the first flag. The rule says: "Any bowl which comes to rest within 15 yards from the front of the mat shall be counted dead and removed to the bank." U. M. Omar, the veteran Inter-Port skip, who was watching the match, drew attention to this rule.

The distance between the wood and the mat was duly measured, and the wood was subsequently declared "dead."

FIRST round in the Open Rinks Championship was chiefly notable for the victory of U. M. Omar's rink over "Spuggy" Silva's. Although the margin of victory at the end was five shots, the match was a very close one, especially in the closing stages when either side might have won.

After the 10th, the scores were 17-10 in Omar's favour. On the 20th, Silva was having the shot when the skip went down. Had he been able to keep this, a different tale might have been told. But Omar rested on the wood to give his side two, and on the last head "Spuggy" had to get four to win. He conceded two.

One peculiar match was played at Kowloon Docks where Adam Holland's rink defeated Eddie Sousa's by 25-22 after conceding five and an eight!

Although there were several close finishes, the other matches provided little of interest inasmuch as the majority of the rinks are not expected to go far.

THIS week's programme of matches in the First Division includes one interesting encounter. The Indians, now on the crest of the wave, will entertain Craigengower at Sookunpo, where the home team are always difficult to beat. It will be a good match to watch, but I am not forecasting the result.

Another good game will be that between Kowloon B.G.C. "A" and Police. The latter have two good rinks, and if only they could strengthen their third, they would be a formidable side.

Perhaps the return of J. C. S. Fender and J. Orem to the Colony will prove to be the answer to their prayers. I understand that they are both due back shortly.



Adam Holland's rink in action against E. C. Fincher's in the K.C.C.-K.B.G.C. "A" Bowls match on Saturday. G. Deacon (No. 1) bowling with L. Jack, W. Mulcahy, A. E. Perry and W. L. Walker looking on.—Ming Yuen.

25-1 Outsider Wins Wartime Derby

Louis' Most Formidable Opponent Conn Bids For Title

NEW YORK, June 18 (Reuter).—To-night Joe Louis will have what is expected to be his hardest fight since he won the world heavyweight boxing title from James J. Braddock by a knock-out in the eighth round on June 22, 1937. Since then he has been challenged 17 times and has won generally well inside the distance. To-night, his 18th challenger is Billy Conn, the Irish-American who, after decisively defeating all-comers in the light-heavyweight class, announced that he would attempt to tackle Louis. It is expected Conn will give Louis at least 20-15. Those who maintain that a mediocre big "un" will beat a good little "un" expect Louis to retain the title, but many will not be surprised if the negro is dethroned.

Conn conceded weight. Later—Conn weighed in at 12 stone 6 pounds, which is much below expectations, while Louis weighed 14 stone 13 pounds 2 ounces. Dr. William Walker stated that both men were in excellent condition. He said that Conn showed the least signs of nerves in his bloodpressure and pulse than any fighter he had ever examined.

The weather forecast is "clear, moderate temperature."

Billiards & Snooker

Recreio Beat European "Y" In Return Match

CLUB DE RECREIO were hosts to the European Y.M.C.A. in a friendly billiards and snooker return match yesterday, winning easily by five matches to one. Highest billiards break of the evening was A. J. Osmund's 66 in his match against C. Terrans. E. M. Soares, who beat C. T. Eager by three points, was second highest with 53.

L. Sykes scored the highest break at snooker with 10 points.

BILLIARDS		Y.M.C.A.	
E. M. Soares (53)	150	C. T. Eager	147
R. F. Luz	150	W. H. Ingleby	102
A. J. Osmund (66)	208	C. Terrans (45)	70
SNOOKER			
J. C. Remedios	56	H. Jackson	63
J. E. Noronha	55	E. H. de Cosier	44
A. P. Pereira	142	L. Sykes (10)	55

Owen Tudor Easily Beats Morogoro

Packed Trains To Newmarket Heath

LONDON, June 18 (Reuter).—England's second wartime Derby, run to-day at Newmarket instead of traditional Epsom Downs, resulted in a win for Owen Tudor, 25-1 outsider, who finished a length and a half in front of Morogoro, 11-2.

Places were:
Owen Tudor (Nevett) ... 1
Morogoro (Harry Wragg) ... 2
Firoze Din (Stephenson) ... 3
Betting: 25-1 Owen Tudor, 11-2 Morogoro, 100-1 Firoze Din.

Won by a length and a half; two lengths.
Time: 2:35.
Others: Single Court (Cliff Richards), Others: Single Court (Gethin), Cuddey (Jones), Mazarin (Bartlam), Devonian (Perryman), Selby (Hassan), Vaidyan (Herbert), Starwort (Joe Taylor), Annaton (Arthur Thoroughfare (Sam Wragg), Chateau Le Rose (Brady), Suncastle (La Bidaway), Orthodox (Denis Smith), Ptolemy (Ephraim Smith), Gamston (Lowrey), Lambert (Sunnal) (Elliott), Sunny Island (Garry) and Fairy Prince (Line).

Following was the final call-over:
Lambert 5 to 1 and o; Sun Castle 11 to 2 and o; Morogoro 6 to 1 and o; Devonian 10 to 1 o; 21 to 2 t; Suncastle 12 to 1 o; 100 to 8 t; Orthodox 100 to 9 o; 15 to 1 t; Starwort 100 to 7 o; Thoroughfare 100 to 6 o; Ptolemy 100 to 5 o; Cuddey 25 to 1 t and o; Owen Tudor 25 to 1 o; 33 to 1 t and o; Mazarin 33 to 1 t and o; Sunny Island 33 to 1 o; Royal Academy 40 to 1 t and o; Pettex 50 to 1 t and o; Vaidyan 50 to 1 o; Selby 50 to 1 o; Single Court 60 to 1 o; Feroze Din 100 to 1 o.

Owen Tudor is owned by Mrs. MacDonald, daughter and heiress of Lord Woolavington. His much better fancied stable companion Morogoro was soundly beaten.

He is the seventh Derby winner trained by Fred Darling, who has thus equalled the record held by the late John Porter.

Mrs. Buchanan is the third woman to own a Derby winner. The successful jockey, W. Nevett, obtained special leave from his army duties. It was his first Derby success.

Packed Trains

Early morning trains which left London were packed with people bound for the Heath to witness the Derby. There seemed greater interest than last year and the open nature of the race was shown by the wide betting range among the 25 runners, nearly all of whom had followers.

A late wire from the course suggested Annaton as a sound each-way proposition, though there was still money for the shorter priced runners. Many uniformed people were among the visitors, officers and men on leave taking the opportunity to see the race. One party was of Czechoslovakian officers.

Despite wartime conditions and the fact that it was a substitute race, it was generally considered the field was of good standard and from a breeder's viewpoint the race was worth winning despite the reduced value, the winner taking £4,473, compared for instance with £10,623 which was Blue Peter's share in 1939.

King's Horse Falls

Hopes of a royal victory in the opening race were disappointed when the King's Merry Wanderer, starting favourite, failed to reach the first three in the Royston Handicap. The winner was Lord Glanville's The Pelican which won a thrilling race by a head from Lord Portland's Longdon.

Record Crowd

Despite the difficulties of travel—there was no transport between the town and course—a police inspector expressed the opinion that the crowd was a record for Newmarket.

Racing enthusiasts smilingly trudged the three miles from the station, many arriving long before racing started to picnic on the Heath where they could watch the services maintaining vigilance with aeroplanes zooming above and tanks manoeuvring on the ground.

Many people slept on the Heath owing to lack of accommodation in the

Probables And Jockeys For New Oaks

LONDON, June 18 (Reuter).—Probables and jockeys for the New Oaks are:
Fille (Lowrey), Hill Hampton (Richardson), Falence (Arthur Wragg), Precocitly (Beary), Commotion (Harry Wragg), Dancing Time (Perryman), Sunny Dear (Cliff Richards), Sanatoga (Bridgland), Beausite (Taylor), Turkana (Evans), Mercy (Ephraim Smith), Chelan (Beasley), Roman Empress (no jockey).

Les Steers Clears 6ft 11ins Record High Jump

LOS ANGELES, June 18 (Reuter).—Two world athletic records were broken to-day. Les Steers cleared 6 ft 11 in in the high jump and a four-man team from the University of California covered the mile in 3.9 2-5. Steers has been in magnificent form lately. His record effort was the third time in a few weeks that he had improved on the high jump figures, which are fast reaching 7 ft.

The relay team was opposed to a team from the University of Southern California, which finished a few inches behind. The previous record was 3.10 7-10 by a British team.

town but all were up bright and early looking for tips.

The recent clothes rationing appeared not to worry the women and few were seen without stockings. The most notable omission was the familiar top of the menfolk.

Race cards, sold in aid of the Red Cross, brought double the usual price. People continued to pour into the stands even after early arrivals had seen the King's horse run only fifth in the opening race.

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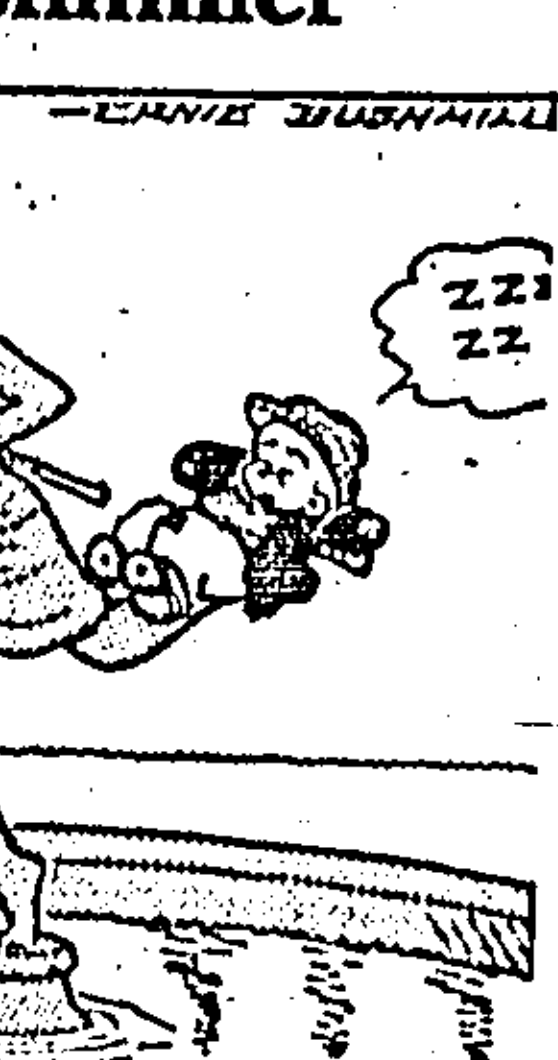
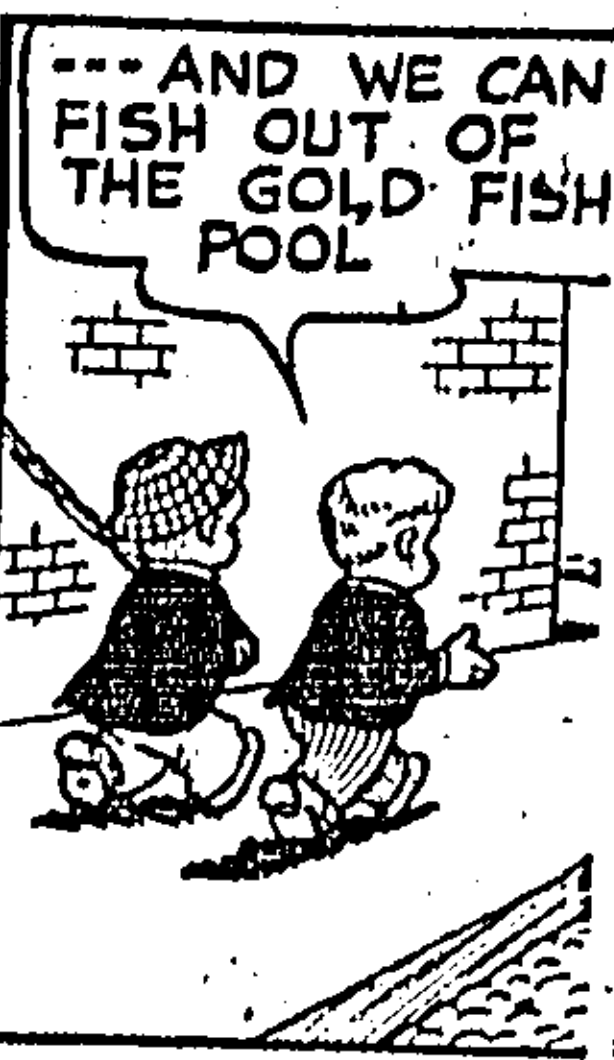
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MODELS ON VIEW



Rinks Championship game at Craigengower on Sunday. J. S. Landolt watching a wood just sent down by his skip, C. S. Rossetto, with R. Bass (behind) and J. H. Xavier (W. Ward's rink) noting its progress.—Ming Yuen.

NANCY



ABUSIVE SPEECH IN COMMONS

With a tolerance only possible in a democratic country the House of Commons listened recently to a violently abusive speech by Mr McGovern (I.L.P., Shettleston) against the Home Secretary, Secretary for Scotland, and other Ministers who backed Mr Ernest Bevin's bill to extend compulsory national service to civilian defence.

Mr McGovern challenged the bill for conscientious objectors. He charged Mr Morrison and Tom Johnson with being objectors in the last war and said they supported it because they were now over age.

He sneered at Miss Ellen Wilkinson for taking a £20 a week job and cried: "Why don't you join the W.A.A.F.s?"

MPs defended her vigorously, saying she had been risking her life nightly in bombed areas and the Speaker stopped the torrent of abuse.

Grave concern had arisen, Mr Bevin, Labour Minister, stated, over the shortage of recruits for whole-time service in the A.F.S., first-aid parties, and the Police War Reserve.

Men now recruited compulsorily, he said, would be placed in their home towns if possible, and in other cases maintenance provision would be made.

SHARK HUNTS RAFT

Survivors of a British passenger ship sunk by a German raider in the Atlantic took to rafts and boats and fought six days for their lives. Then they sighted a Spanish liner.

In his excitement a man on one of the rafts put his leg into the water and started to paddle toward the liner. His leg was bitten off by a shark.

Recently the liner, the Cabo de Hornos, arrived at Santa Cruz, Spain, with seventy-seven survivors of the British ship.

Ten of them were wounded or sick. All had undergone great hardships. They said their vessel was sunk by the raider on March 24, 700 miles off Sierra Leone.

After three shells had hit the ship the Germans gave crew and passengers thirty minutes to abandon ship.

The Cabo de Hornos was bound from Buenos Aires when she picked up the survivors.

Joaquin Rizo, her fourth officer, was stated to have particularly distinguished himself in rescue work.

Paddle Boat Bags Raider

Lorna Doone's Success

It was disclosed recently that the peace-time pleasure steamer, Lorna Doone, built as long ago as 1891, had destroyed one Dornier, and possibly two.

The vessel, known to thousands of holiday-makers who in peace-time crossed between Southampton and the Isle of Wight, now has the designation of "H.M. Paddle Minesweeper."

When she was bombed and machine-gunned by three Dornier 21's she attacked them with all her guns. One plane was seen to be on fire and losing height rapidly.

The Admiralty stated that this machine was considered to have been destroyed. A second was badly hit. The third machine made off in the haze.

Dodged Bombs

Two wounded were the only casualties in the Lorna Doone which received only superficial damage. Four large bombs were dropped, but she avoided them by skilful manoeuvring.

The Lorna Doone, which is commanded by Temp. Lt. T. W. Sherrin, R.N.V.R., is of only 410 tons gross.

Called In Army To Shoot Elephant

Lord Tweedsmuir, son of the late Governor-General of Canada and now a captain in the Canadian Corps headquarters in Britain, has shot an elephant "somewhere in England."

Roosie, the elephant, belonging to a local zoo, was ailing and had to be shot. The keepers appealed to the Canadian headquarters for aid.

An anti-tank rifle was prepared, but Captain Tweedsmuir decided on an ordinary Service rifle. With four shots the beast was killed.

Anti-Nazi Riot In Rome

Caused By Lack Of Bread

The University of Rome has been closed as a result of a demonstration by students recently against Germany because of a shortage of bread, reports the "New York Times."

A version that passed the censor in Rome was contained in a United Press dispatch, which reported that carabinieri had been sent to the University to disperse demonstrating students and that ten of the students had been injured in clashes before the carabinieri succeeded in clearing the campus, after which the authorities closed the University.

According to this version, the students were demonstrating against a faculty decision to hold examinations a month earlier than usual because those called to the colours before the carabinieri succeeded in clearing the campus, after which the authorities closed the University.

The students were bitter because the advance might mean that many would fail for lack of preparation, this version said.

King Leopold: Is He Dead?

Neutral countries in Europe are asking, "Is King Leopold of the Belgians dead?"

He has not been seen since four months ago when he refused to sign documents giving the Germans possession of the Belgian Congo.

Then he was living at his country palace at Laeken. Life became unpleasant for him.

He was taken to an apartment in Brussels Palace, now Goering's Belgian headquarters.

The question now being asked throughout Belgium is: Has the King been taken to Germany? Rumour says he is to be held in a fortress there until he changes his mind.

Arrangements were made for the escape of Leopold's two children, disguised as peasants, to unoccupied France. There they are now staying with friends.

A Harvest Of Fun-Making Hay Out Of Rudolf Hess

Columnists, cartoonists and radio broadcasters are making hay out of the Hess affair, with a whirl of puns, epigrams and caricatures in London.

Very bright is the "Daily Express" cartoon which shows a family listening-in to the B.B.C.

The announcer is saying, "Here's news, and this is E. Phillips Oppenheim reading it."

One quip suggests that there may be too much "Hesspruit do corpse" about the Nazi Party—even for some Nazis.

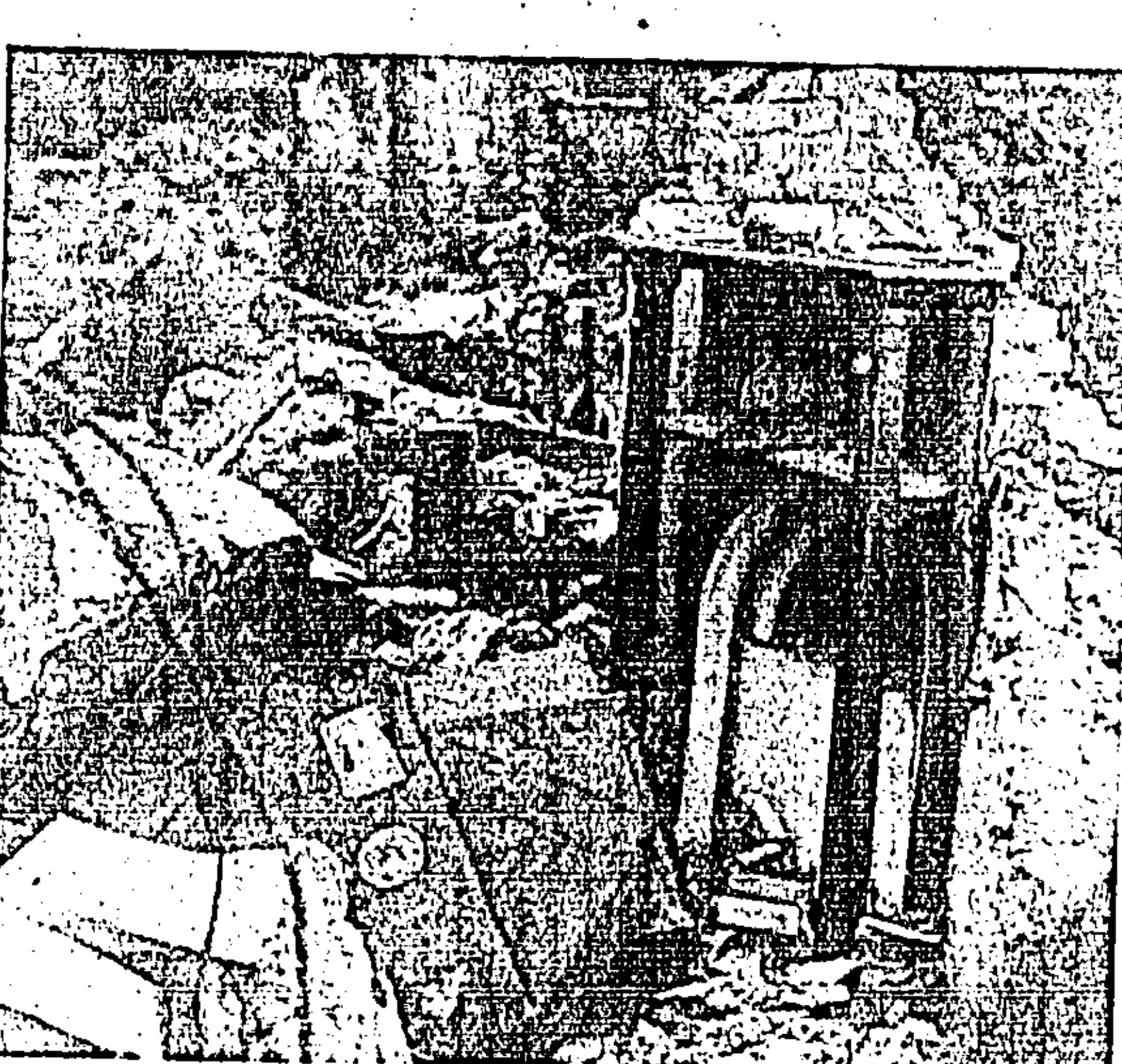
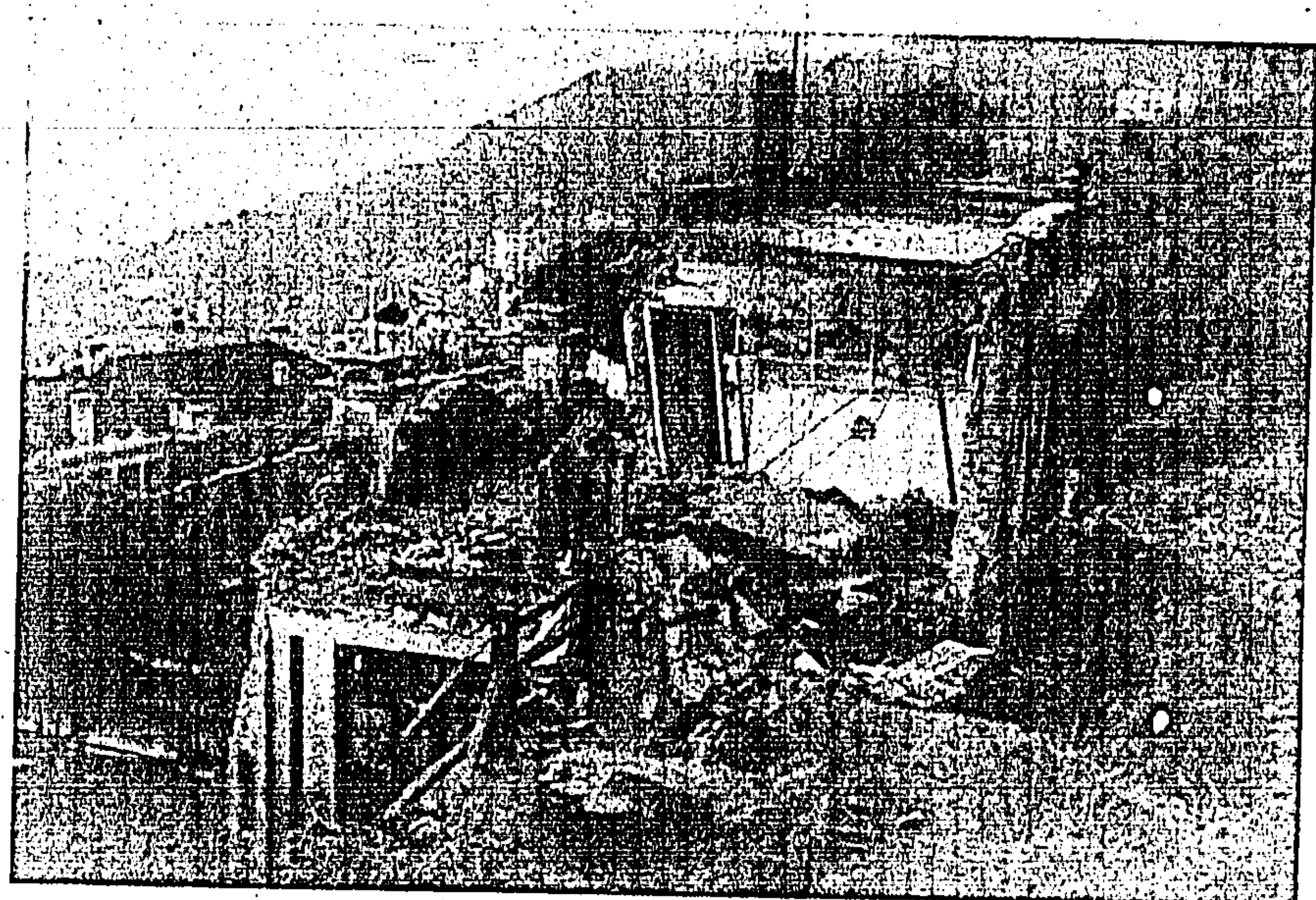
The "Daily Mail" diarist, Charles Graves, says the Foreign Office's new signature tune is, "Hess, Sir, that's my baby."

"Daily Express" columnist, William Hickey, says, "Your Hess is as good as mine, I suggest that Hess is ill, and had to come here to see a good German doctor."

David Low, who always portrays Hitler with a fatuous uncivilized expression, is at his best with a cartoon showing a group of demented Nazi leaders in an asylum cell.

They are gazing at an open window through which Hess has disappeared, and Hitler is saying, "The fellow must have been mad!"

CONDUIT ROAD EARLY MORNING LANDSLIDE



Pictures show the damage caused to the house at Conduit Road, occupied as a mess by the Japanese Consular staff, as a result of the crashing of three gigantic boulders from the hillside yesterday morning. Fortunately, there were no casualties. Top picture gives a clear idea of how the rear portion of the premises was crushed in, whilst trunks and boxes are strewn near the damaged fireplace in one of the rooms rendered wide open by the accident. (Photos: Ming Yuen).

C.O. Hero Of Fire Blitz

A conscientious objector fighting a deck fire in a London Blitz was blown off the quay with his comrades.

Their pump sank. Making his way to the other side of the docks the conscientious objector found a fire pump working by itself. The crew had been knocked out by blast.

As leading fireman he gathered his crew together. Soon they were again fighting the flames. Mr. John Horner, general secretary of the Fire Brigades Union, told of this incident at the South Wales and West of England Regional Conference of the A.F.S. section of the union.

No "Branding"

He refused to accept a suggestion that conscientious objectors conscripted into the A.F.S. should be "branded."

A delegate wanted the original A.F.S. men to have a "V" badge on their uniforms, like men of the R.A.F.V.R.

"Some of the conscripts," said another delegate, "think they are going to have a jam-roll job. Have we a right to refuse to work with them? 'Don't let that spirit creep into the A.F.S.," answered Mr Horner.

"We are fighting a war for democracy. The Government has thought it to provide for these men in law. It is not for our union to take away that right. Nor is it the wish of the T.U.C."

Mr Horner made it clear that the policy of the organisation is: "Every conscript a trade unionist."

Chaos Among Quislings

Norwegian Review

In a review of Norway's first year of war Germany invaded the country on April 9, 1940—the Royal Norwegian Government Information Office states that Quisling has failed either to build up any following among the people or to establish a competent civil administration.

Through their refusal to co-operate, loyal Norwegians in every section of society have reduced the Quisling administration to chaos.

The chaos has been made worse "by the passive resistance of university and school authorities, State and municipal employees, judges, magistrates, doctors, farmers, fishermen, industrial workers," the review adds.

"The German army of occupation has been rendered immobile by the need for dividing it up into small garrisons in every town, village and island."

"Instead of Norway playing a useful part in the German new order, it has become a permanent source of embarrassment."

BLACKSMITHS INTO ENGINEERS

Village Smithy Transformed

A new future is opening out for the country blacksmith. He is becoming an engineer, with power-driven plant at his service. The first stage of the transformation was dictated by the war-time need of better provision for repairing farm machinery, but the effect on the blacksmith's position will be permanent. It points to a future in which the village smithy will be an engineering workshop, fully equipped for all kinds of agricultural repairs.

After the outbreak of the war the Rural Industries Bureau made a survey of blacksmiths, grading them by their estimated capacity to profit from enlarged opportunities.

Throughout England and Wales some 1,000 smiths were deemed suitable for encouragement. The Development Commission secured from the Treasury an initial grant of £2,000 as a Rural Industries Equipment Loan Fund, which the National Council of Social Service was asked to administer.

Blacksmiths were then invited to place orders with the council for oxy-acetylene welding and cutting plant, drilling and screw-cutting machines. Nearly 300 smiths have done so, the council having first assured itself that they could make full use of the machines.

The need for expert tuition in the use of the machines was also apparent; it was found that some blacksmiths who already owned them were using them wrongly. The bureau is sending instructors to the smithies. To-day eight instructors are at work, and eight more could be usefully employed.

Progress is being made quickly enough. With little more encouragement probably all the 1,000 smiths regarded as eligible would apply for the new machines, for the plan has had a warm welcome everywhere.

Four of the company's ships of gross tonnage of 70,000 were destroyed by enemy action, reducing the fleet 240,072 gross tons.

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Canadian Pacific Earnings

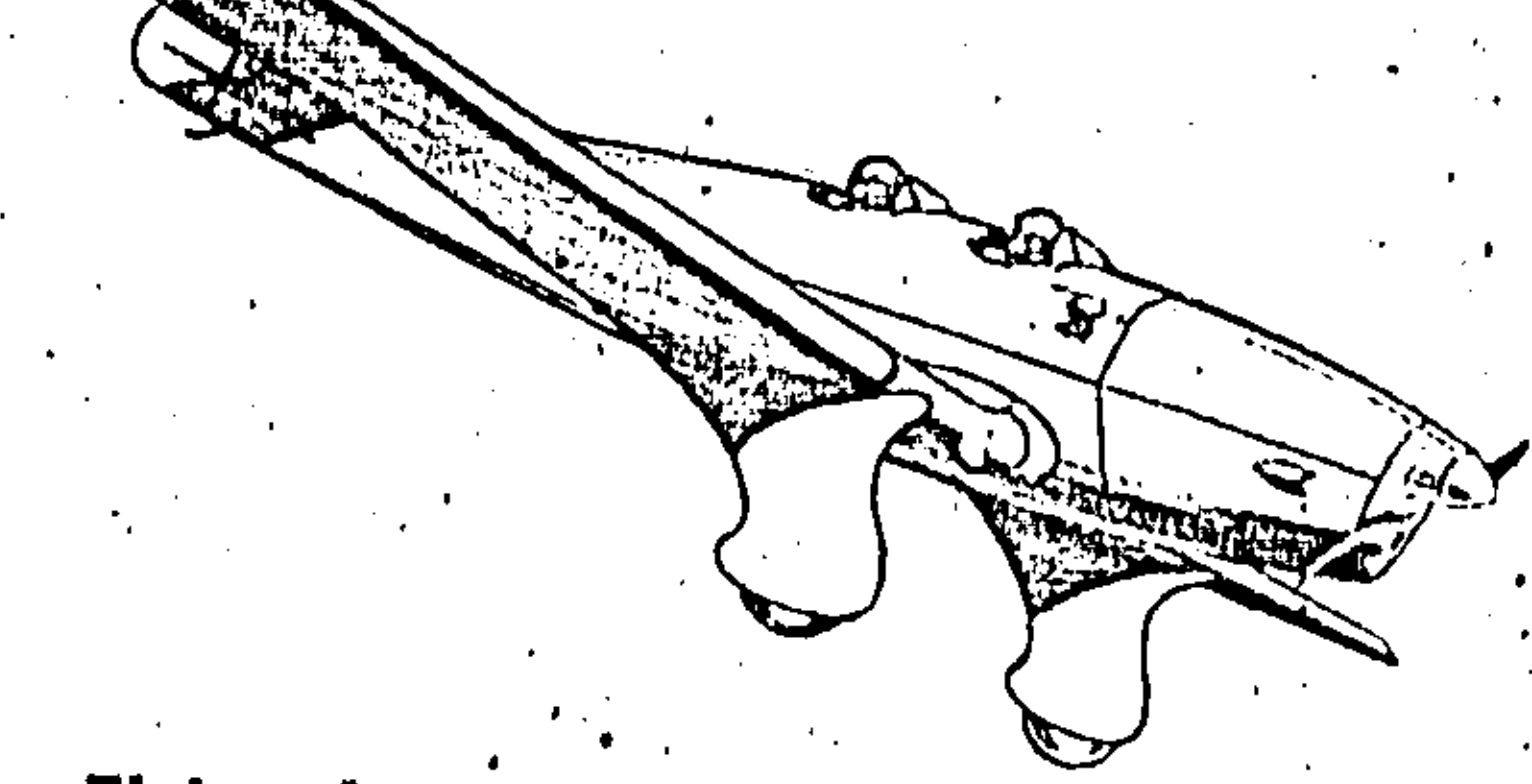
Canadian Pacific Railway coastal and ocean-going services, in spite of war losses, made a net profit of \$3,075,910 in 1940, as against a net loss of \$71,274 in the preceding year, according to a statement published in the Liverpool Journal of Commerce.

Most of the company's Atlantic fleet has been requisitioned by the British Ministry of Shipping, and the fleet was intensively used during the year.

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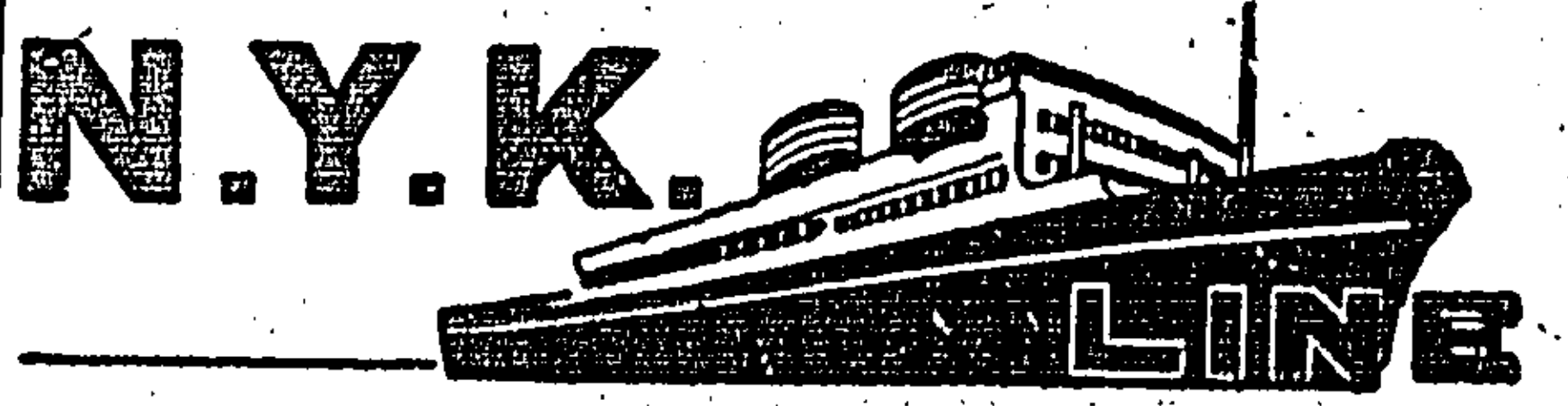
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Titanic Battle Raging In Desert

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CAIRO, June 18.—A battle began in the Western Desert on Sunday which may prove the greatest of the Libyan campaign. Precisely at dawn, British and Indian forces advanced on Hellfire Pass, Capuzzo and Sollum from four different directions.

A small armoured force followed the coast road, infantry supported by tanks and artillery spread across the plain extending from the sea to the escarpment, a famous English and another Scottish regiment attacked along the escarpment itself and an armoured division made a wide sweep out into the desert with the audacious intention of attacking Sollum from the west and taking the Germans in the rear.

On Saturday evening a British Brigadier outlined to me the plan of attack for each of the four columns. With a walking stick, he drew in the sand the routes to be taken, the obstacles to be encountered and the enemy's probable strength.

"May Be Decisive Scrap"

Quietly confident and enthusiastic, the Brigadier concluded: "It is going to be a great scrap. It may be a decisive scrap."

Advancing from the rear on Saturday morning, we threaded our way through long lines of motorised transport, artillery and Bren gun carriers.

The German air force was strangely absent and we arrived within five miles of Hellfire Pass before the patrolling Hurricanes were challenged. Then began a series of half-raising aerial dogfights which continued all day.

Advancing to within some two miles of Hellfire Pass down the centre of the plain, we had a grandstand view of the British shelling of the Pass from a protecting wadi. We could follow the shells from the flash to the final satisfactory pop as great fountains of sand and smoke plumed into the air around the German positions.

Meanwhile, British light artillery was moving closer and medium and heavy guns were steadily advancing from the rear.

Never for one minute were fighter planes absent.

Back at Brigade Headquarters, the Brigadier again gave us a few moments in which he announced the capture of Bir Waeir, which is

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Big Cheque From The "Bellows"

The Fellowship of the Bellows has now contributed \$15,000 to the Bomber Fund, the third cheque for \$6,000 having been received yesterday. The appeal to members whose subscriptions were overdue, has met with a good response, although there are still some procrastinators. The membership is increasing satisfactorily, having passed the 2,600 mark.

Importance Attached To Big Desert Battle

STOCKHOLM, June 18 (Reuters).—"The greatest importance is attached to the outcome of the fighting at Sollum as the losing side will be exhausted," says the Berlin correspondent of the "Dagens Nyheter" today.

The battle, adds the writer, is compared with the hardest fighting in the whole of last year.

Like Marshal Graziani, General Rommel, the German commander, appeared with a prepared offensive and General Wavell attacked in order to break the head of the enemy's advance.

German military circles do not believe that the fighting will continue for many days owing to difficulties of supply.

TURKEY SIGNS A FRIENDSHIP AGREEMENT WITH GERMANY

Assures Inviolability of Territories

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, June 18 (UP).—IT IS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED IN BERLIN THAT GERMANY AND TURKEY HAVE CONCLUDED A FRIENDSHIP PACT.

THE PACT WHICH IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY IS FOR A PERIOD OF TEN YEARS AND PROVIDES THAT EACH RESPECT THE OTHER'S TERRITORY AND THAT IN THE FUTURE, CONTACT WITH EACH OTHER ON ALL QUESTIONS OF MUTUAL INTEREST WILL BE MADE IN A FRIENDLY MANNER. THEY HAVE JOINTLY DECLARED TO CEASE ALL HOSTILE PRESS, AND RADIO PROPAGANDA, AND HAVE ALSO SIGNED A DECLARATION ANNOUNCING AND PROVIDING FOR AN EXTENSION OF THE PACT AND THE INTENSIFICATION OF TURKO-GERMAN ECONOMIC RELATIONS.

NAZIS LOSE 20 WARPLANES

R.A.F.'s Big Bag Over Desert

CAIRO, June 18 (Reuters).—The destruction of 20 enemy aircraft in the Western Desert battle yesterday is the feature of the R.A.F. Middle East communiqué.

The communiqué states: "Aircraft of the R.A.F. and the South African Air Force continued to give full support to the operations by ground forces in the Western Desert yesterday."

"Fighters repeatedly engaged enemy aircraft which attempted to attack the troops and destroyed 12 Junkers-87's, two G-50's and six Messerschmitt-109's."

"During the day, they were also active in machine-gunning enemy motor transport on roads in the Gazala area and did considerable damage."

"Bomber aircraft carried out a number of attacks on enemy armoured cars and transport."

"In the Sidl Omar area, bombs fell among tanks and transport, destroying or disabling more than 20 vehicles and in the same area, armoured cars, light tanks and troop concentrations were shot up."

"During the night of June 16-17, heavy bombers attacked a number of targets. Hits were registered on the Central Mole and elsewhere in the harbour area at Benghazi."

"Bombs were dropped on the landing grounds at Derna and Gazala, where a number of fires were started, and at Bardia, several motor transport vehicles were set on fire and others damaged."

"There is nothing of outstanding importance to report from other fronts."

"From all these operations, six aircraft are missing."

SHANGHAI SHOOTING

Japanese Say One Man Confesses

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHANGHAI, June 18 (UP).

Japanese army officials today said that Yu Sin-lin, 22, who was captured following the assassination of Mr. Akagi, Japanese Deputy Police Commissioner on June 17, has confessed to the shooting.

Yu asserted that he had been dispatched by General Han Te-chin, the Chungking appointed Governor of Kiangsu province, to go to Shanghai for the purpose of killing Mr. Akagi.

The Municipal police, co-operating with the Japanese, arrested two accomplices at the Dahlo Hotel, Hong-kew, yesterday afternoon following Yu's confession.

Meanwhile, Mr. Paul Schou, Dean of the Shanghai Consular body, sent a letter to the Japanese Consul General and also to Major Kenneth M. Bourne, Municipal Police Commissioner, expressing "abhorrence" for the "wanton act" of assassination, and also his sorrow.

U. S. Naval Reservists

WASHINGTON, June 18 (Reuters).—Stand-by orders have been issued to the last remaining naval reservists, states the Navy Department.

The announcement regarding the pact stated that the "two nations were inspired by a desire to place relations on a basis of mutual confidence and sincere friendship and had agreed without prejudice to the present obligations of both countries to conclude the treaty."

Neither country will take any measure "aimed directly or indirectly against the other contracting party."

It was officially announced that the German Ambassador, Colonel von Papen and M. Sarajoglu, the Turkish Foreign Minister, signed the pact at Ankara at nine p.m. to-night.

Text of Treaty

"Reuter" adds that the text of the Turkish-German Treaty of Friendship, signed at Ankara, consists of three articles which state: (1) Germany and Turkey bind themselves mutually to respect the integrity and inviolability of their national territory and not to resort to any measures direct or indirect against their treaty partner.

(2) Germany and Turkey bind themselves in future in all questions touching their common interests to have friendly contact with each other in order to reach an understanding in the treatment of such questions.

(3) This article provides for ratification which will be exchanged in Berlin.

The Treaty is valid for ten years with the possibility of prolongation.

Why Turks Gave In (BY "REUTERS" DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT)

LONDON, June 18 (Reuters).—Ever since Yugoslavia and Greece were overwhelmed by Nazi forces, Turkey has been subjected to ever-increasing pressure to bring her into line with the Axis.

Not only has the German occupation of the Aegean Islands exposed Turkey to the menace of attack where her defences are weakest, but she has had little support or encouragement from her nearest neighbour with whom her lies have been the closest.

Turkey has also suffered severely by the defection of France which

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LATEST



Background Of Our Offensive Against Nazi Army In Libya

(By "Reuters" Military Commentator)

LONDON, June 18.—On this day 126 years ago, the British won the decisive victory of Waterloo, which victory brought to his knees a dictator who had lorded it over Europe for more than ten years. Battles in those days lasted one day; now, they take several before a final decision is reached.

Battles of an offensive character are again being fought to save Europe and the world from other dictators whose tyranny is far more brutal and cruel than was that of Napoleon.

In my last dispatch, it was indicated that the offensive in Libya might be undertaken by the British and not by the Germans. And so it has turned out, for on Sunday morning, General Wavell launched an attack of some magnitude on the German front in Libya and heavy fighting is still going on round Sollum and Halfaya Pass.

It is satisfactory to find that the British forces are now strong enough in the Middle East to justify General Wavell in making this attack where he has other forces engaged in a second campaign in Syria.

Details have not yet come to hand to enable us fully to picture the battle which is now going on off Sollum, but one or two salient points can be perceived.

Forcing Out Reserves It is evident, that our attack is heavy enough to have obliged the Germans to rush reserves. It appears that the British are tactically making use of fairly wide turning movements, and that the R.A.F. is giving ample support not only in attacking bases, airfields and the enemy's lines of communications but also on the actual battle-field.

The enemy seems to fear, that this is the first step in a serious sustained attack, but we must wait and see. It may only be a local offensive aiming at the capture of Halfaya Pass.

In Syria, the British progress against Beirut and Damascus has

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Free French Reach Suburbs of Damascus

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, June 18 (UP).—A despatch to the "Exchange Telegraph" from Jerusalem to-night states that the Free-French troops reached the western suburbs of Damascus this evening. Vichy troops are delaying the fall of the city by shelling the roads.

Satisfactory Position CAIRO, June 18 (Reuters).—The position in Syria is considered satisfactory in circles usually well-informed.

The Vichy raiding thrusts round Kunetra and Merj Ayoun have been contained and ample forces are available to drive them back.

This action is in fact in full swing. Further east, the Allied forces are slowly making their way down the foothills leading to Damascus Plain. With Allied columns making headway towards the city from various points of the compass, the situation is, however, somewhat confused.

Indian troops here, as in North Africa, are taking part and are doing

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ULTIMATUM TO DENTZ

LONDON, June 18 (Reuters).—A final warning to the French Commissioner at Damascus, General Dentz, to capitulate, failing which an Allied attack on Damascus would begin at 5.30 a.m. on Thursday morning was made by the radio from Jerusalem by the British Commander, General Sir Maitland Wilson.

The radio added that Vichy would be responsible for bloodshed. Whether the French capitulated or not, General Wilson promised that he would start the occupation of Damascus at dawn on Thursday.

CHUNGKING, June 18 (Central News).—With a view to assisting the local authorities in air defence Chinese residents in Vancouver, Canada, have organised an A.R.P. unit.

War Refugee Found In Govt House

One of those strange and whimsical incidents which baffle the tragedies of the poor to those in high places occurred at Government House yesterday.

Captain Batty-Smith, the Aide de Camp to His Excellency the Governor, found an unknown and elderly Chinese man standing in the dining room of Government House. The man had walked up the drive and had apparently just "walked in."

Questioned through an interpreter the man said that he came from Fukien. He had been "ruined" by Japanese depredations and wished to make an appeal to the Governor.

"He seemed a very nice old gentleman," said Captain Batty-Smith. "Probably his story was true. He had evidently seen better days."

The man was formally put in the charge of the Police who took him to hospital. There it was found that he was mentally unbalanced.

Accused Testifies In Kenya Society Trial

NAIROBI, June 18 (Reuters).—Sir Delves Broughton, who is charged with the murder of the Earl of Erroll, giving evidence in the trial today did not agree that Erroll's death was a satisfactory solution to his (Broughton's) domestic troubles.

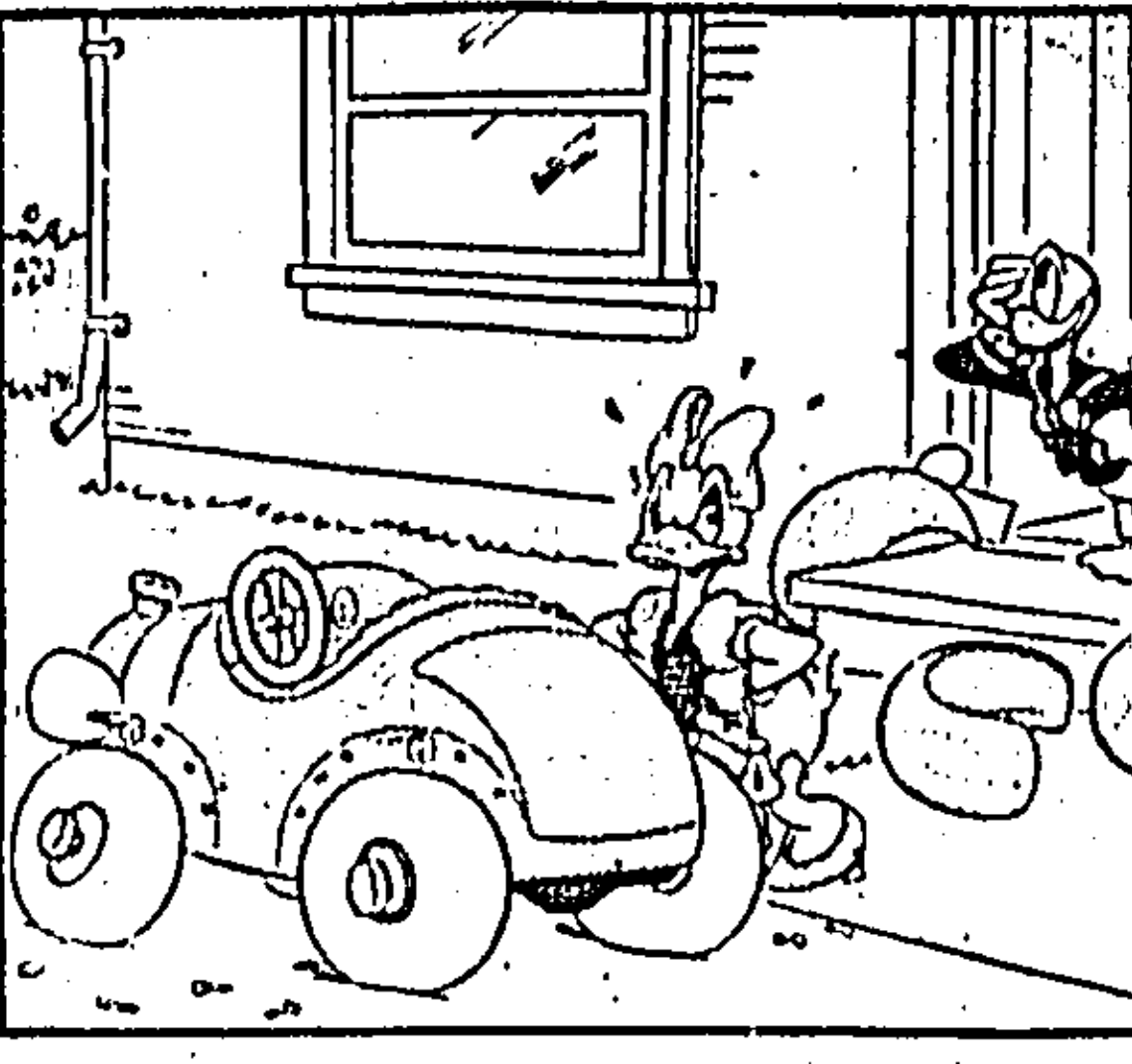
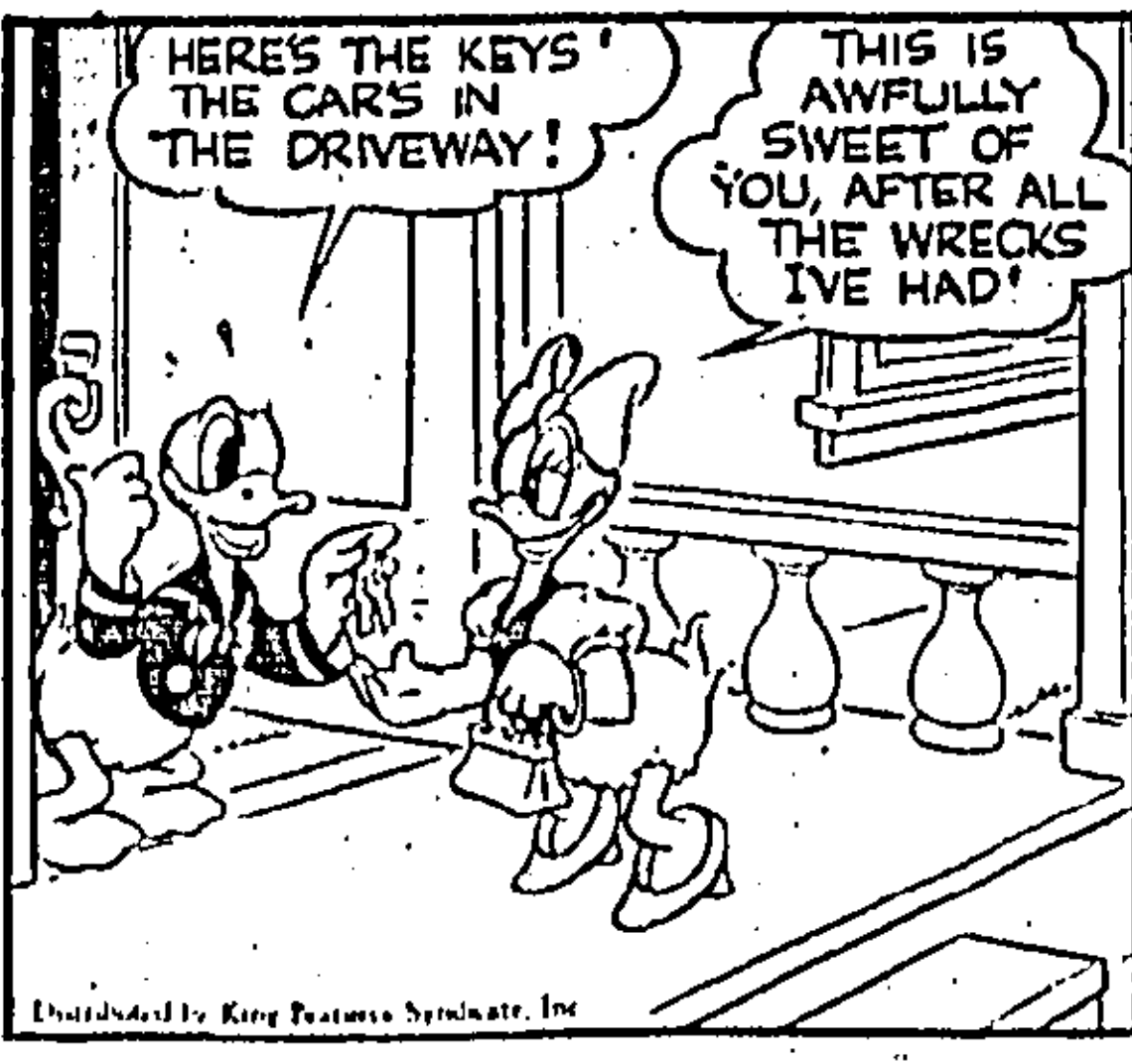
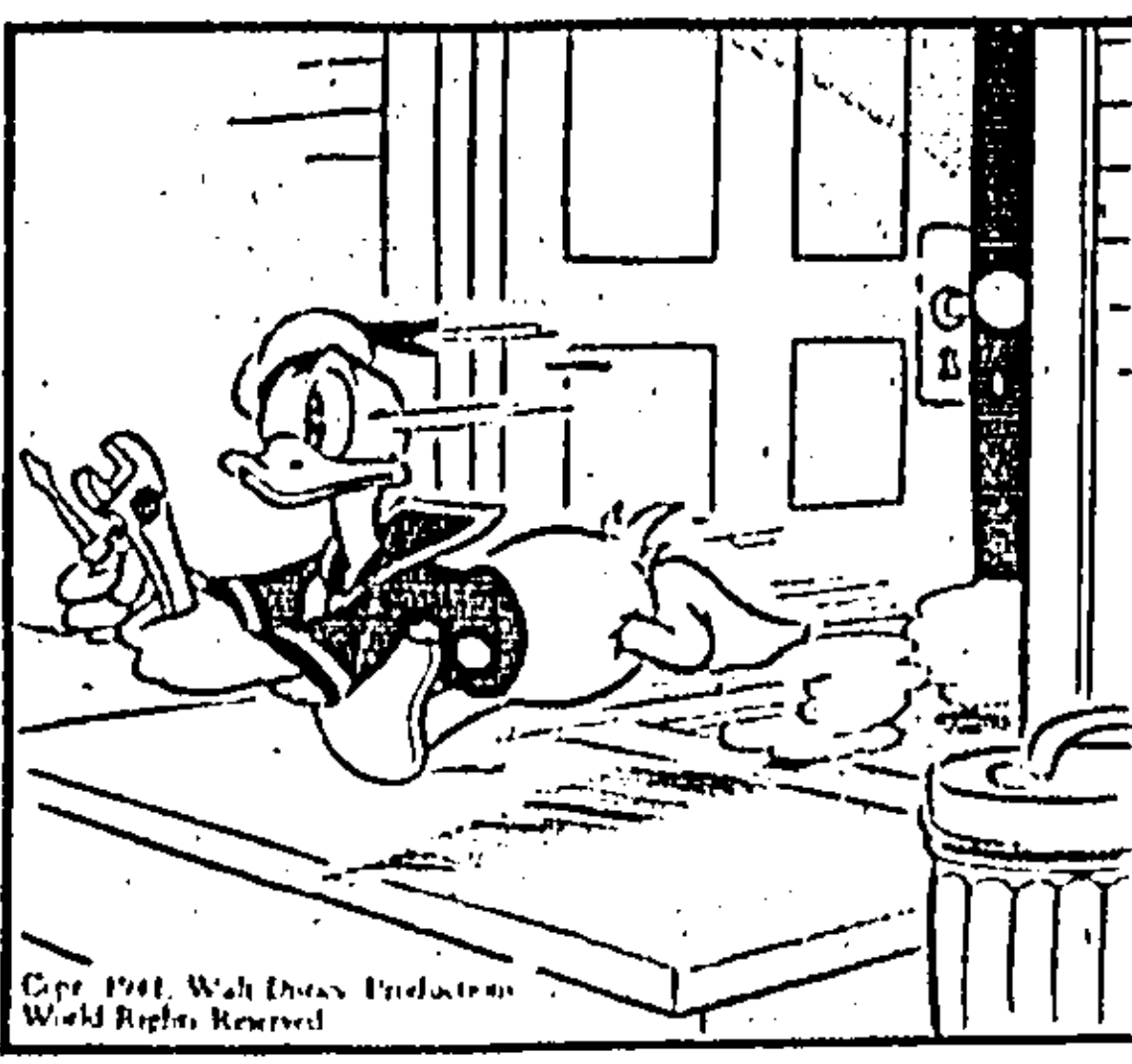
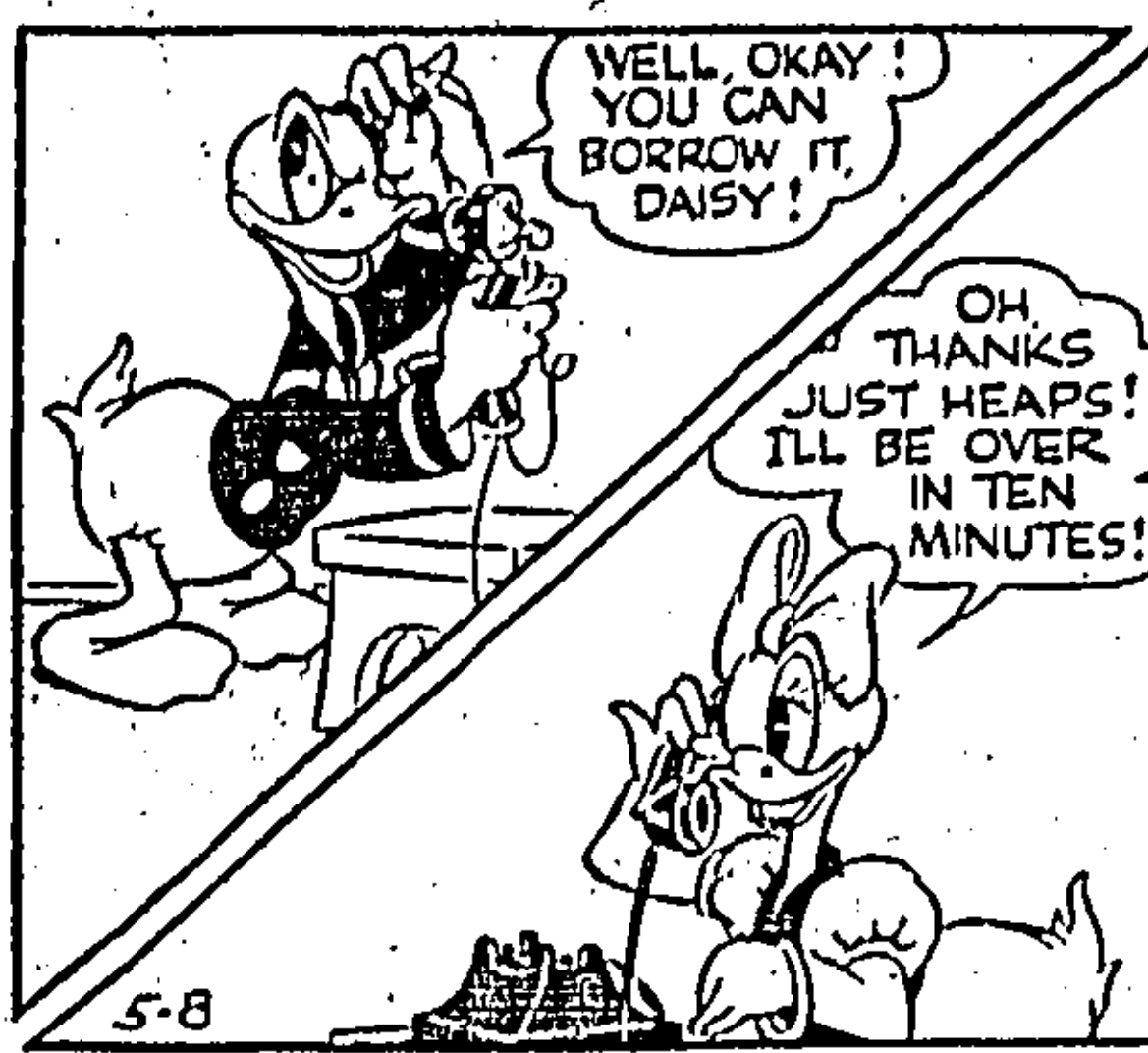
He agreed that he had previously said that he would take his wife back if Erroll and she fell out of love while Broughton was in Ceylon, but he now added that his wife had depended on what kind of life she had led while he was away.

Replying to the judge, accused said

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Capt. Lionel Massey, elder son of Hon. Vincent Massey, Canadian High Commissioner in London, was taken prisoner by the enemy during the British campaign in Greece.

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Responding To Two-Bids

NO change in the Culbertson Sys-trick from South, and since North tem has created more public call well support a four heart con- interest than the new method of tract, he passes.

I should like to remind my read-some peculiar reason, fails to over- ing, applies only to the first re- case the bidding should go: sponse, and does not materially affect the subsequent bidding. Note to-day's hand:

Rubber bridge.
North-South vulnerable.
North dealer.

AKQ64	AKQ5	AKQ74	AKQJ
AKQ5	AKQ5	AKQ74	AKQJ
AKQ5	AKQ5	AKQ74	AKQJ
AKQ5	AKQ5	AKQ74	AKQJ

The bidding:
North East South West
2 3 3 3
3 4 4 4
Pass Pass Pass Pass

The new system provides that the responder may mention his suit (without going through the old formalities of first bidding two no-trump) if said suit is five cards in length headed by the king, the queen-jack, or better; or may respond with any six-card suit. This, however, does not hold true when there is an intervening bid, as in the above sequence. South would not be justified in bidding three hearts (or anything else) as a free bid over East's three diamonds. His lack of one honour-trick in the hand as a whole makes a pass the only correct action. On the next round, however, South shows the heart suit freely over East's four diamond bid just as he would have done in the old system. Now North knows notrump contract? Opening lead that he cannot expect a full honour- club five.

Success on the Economic Front THE WAR WITHIN THE WAR

By An English Economist

With shipping space one of the most precious commodities, it is obvious that ships carrying foodstuffs and raw materials to Great Britain do not return empty. They load up supplies for British forces overseas and they carry British export goods out in exchange for our imports.

Since Continental markets are cut off, Britain is supplying many of the former customers of Germany and the occupied territories despite the fact that her industrial areas are in the front line and that her first necessity is to produce the weapons of offence and defence. The total volume of export trade has been well maintained, and it is achieving, and will continue to make, an invaluable contribution to the war effort.

There is, of course, a considerable element of selection, which must at times make things difficult for the exporter in Britain; the goods he would like to sell overseas may be needed here, or it may not be practicable to import the raw material for them, or his products may be very bulky in relation to its value so that it occupies too much shipping space. But for the overseas buyer who wishes to take British goods the answer is simple. He can safely buy anything that is offered in the assurance that he is helping Britain by so doing.

"Buy British"

There has been some confusion of thought on this point, and partly on account of statements made about the need for economy of purchases in the sterling area and for saving shipping, some people, in the Dominions particularly, have wondered whether the "Buy British" slogan was still valid. It undoubtedly is. The men and women of the British countries overseas, who have so notably shown their belief in the cause for which the Empire is fighting, can help that cause by sacrifices in the economic field; they can avoid buying non-essentials outside the sterling area so that foreign exchange is conserved; but they can rest assured that British goods on sale in their markets, whatever their class, would not be available there unless their export were assisting the war effort.

It is fairly obvious that shipping space is saved if the vessels returning from Britain go direct to the ports from which the imports we need are drawn. It is a waste of time, which comes to the same thing as space, if they have to deliver British exports to one port and then go on to another to pick up their homeward cargo. This elementary fact fortunately means that, on the whole more shipping space would be available, other things being equal, to those countries from which we want supplies. On this ground alone, therefore, it will be seen that exports to the United States, for example, can be increased with the maximum advantage.

Dollars Needed

Moreover, dollars are Britain's most urgent need to-day, as far as foreign exchange is concerned, and any export that provides them is particularly valuable. The effect may be indirect. For instance, an export to one of the Dominions from Britain, which is necessary and which would have to be bought outside the sterling area otherwise, clearly helps. There are, naturally other complexities in this huge business of controlling British trade to secure

the maximum efficiency in the war effort, but the situation is rational and comprehensible if these main generalisations are borne in mind. The goodwill of buyers in countries overseas, their desire to help Britain in her struggle for freedom, are obviously important factors which must not be forgotten. The reception given to the Willington Mission in South America proves again, if proof were needed, that this feeling does not exist only in the Empire, and the United States. But at the same time it would be wrong and misleading to think that these buyers are not also getting the best for themselves.

Trade Into Planes

The President of the Board of Trade, in a broadcast to North America, put the two aspects of goodwill and good business very well when he said: "If you continue to buy and even to increase your demands for these British goods which you have been accustomed to take and which, I believe you like to take, such things as woollens and worsteds, cottons and linens, leather goods, pottery, glass, I am sure you will get value for money—you will certainly get delivery—and you will be helping as yet again to bring the whole of our national resources to bear to win the war and win it quickly. I don't want you to imagine that you are filling the pockets of British merchants. You are putting into the sky an aeroplane, and we will man it with the best we have."

The vitality of our export trade in circumstances that might well have been expected to make it impossible, and the differentiation between what can and cannot be usefully exported in wartime are well illustrated by a brief examination of the 1940 returns of overseas trade.

The group for chemicals, drugs, dyes and colours is the most remarkable instance of an increase, the total of £27,669,786 being £4,881,601 above the 1939 figure which itself was appreciably higher than 1938.

It is not difficult to see that these British manufactures have been necessities for the importing countries, and have taken the place of chemicals formerly sup-

plied by Germany. But remembering that the industry has had to meet a big demand from the United Kingdom for war purposes as well as more normal requirements, this offers an example of what our factories can achieve even if they are in the "front line."

Improvement

There are other striking instances of improvement. For example, the pottery, glass and abrasives group was more than £2 million up last year, woollen and worsted yarns and manufactures about the same, electrical goods and apparatus and manufactured oils and fats and resins very little less. Silk and artificial silk yarns and manufactures increased by £24 million and manufactures of other textile materials by over £14 million. The increase for paper and cardboard at well over £3 million was second only to that of the chemical group.

On the other hand, there were heavy falls in exports of machinery and vehicles of all kinds, and that needs no explanation. The factories producing this kind of product are mostly full time on war work.

Raw material exports are also down heavily, particularly coal, in which the loss of European markets has made a great deal of difference, while a spring for such a relatively bulky cargo also presents special difficulties.

There was a small decrease in the total shipments of "food, drink and tobacco," but here it is noteworthy that the general reduction in this class—which was to be expected—has been offset to a considerable extent by a big rise in the value of beverages and cocoa preparations we have sent overseas.

To get a fair idea of the really remarkable way in which our business men have been fighting the economic war, it is necessary to make allowance for some of these items whose export has been impossible in the usual quantity. Total exports last year were lower in value by £26½ million than they were in 1939. The decrease in raw materials and two manufactured article groups I have mentioned—machinery and vehicles—account for a reduction of trade by about £38 millions, with another £6 million in the food, drink and tobacco group and goods exported by parcel post. Taking into account these facts it is clear that every industry that is able to make its contribution must have done so to the full.

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12.30 Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Pirates of Penzance."
1.0 Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.
1.02 Charlie Kunz at the Piano.
1.15 Hawaiian Selections.
Hawaiian Paradise (Owens); Sweet Hawaiian Maid (Johnson); Andy Iona and His Islanders with Vocal Chorus; Oun Oun (Toshiba); Kanui and Lala (Hawaiian Novelty); Sundown in Old Waikiki (Carlton and Ritz); George Elliot's Hawaiian Novelty Quartet with Vocal Chorus.
1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.
1.45 Elsie and Doris Waters in Variety.
2.15 Close down.
6. Indian Programme.
6.45 Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.47 The Symphony Orchestra and Nancy Evans (Soprano).
"Ruy Blas"—Overture (Mendelssohn)....Symphony Orchestra cond. by Dr. Malcolm Sargent; The Sunshine of Your Smile (Cooke-Ray).... Nancy Evans (Soprano) with Orchestra; Schubert Waltzes (Schubert).... Symphony Orchestra; Mountain Lovers (Wentherley-Squire).... Nancy Evans (Soprano) with Orchestra; "The Planets"—No. 4: Jupiter (The Bringer of Jollity) (Holst).... Symphony Orchestra conducted by Albert Coates.
7.20 Grieg—Sonata in C Minor, Sergei Rachmaninoff (Piano) and Fritz Kreisler (Violin).
7.45 Grieg Songs.
Solveig's Song (Peer Gynt)....May Bennett (Soprano) with Piano accompaniment; On Revere, Beniamino Gigli (Tenor) with Orchestra; Et Hab, Op. 26, No. 1.... Kirsten Flagstad (Soprano) with Piano; I Love Thee....Richard Crook (Tenor) with Orchestra.
8 London Relay—The News.
8.15 London Relay—Questions of the Hour.
8.30 A Military Band Concert. Orpheus in The Underworld—Overture (Offenbach, arr. Pearce)....The Black Dyke Mills Band; The Whistler and His Dog (Pryor).... Silver Stars Band; Americana (Therban)....The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards; Three Dale Dances (Wood)....Callenders' Senior Band; Rakoczy March (from "Damnation of Faust") (Berlioz-arr. Godfrey).... The B.B.C. Wireless Military Band.
9 Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.
9.02 Reginald Foot at the Organ.
9.15 Studio—Local Newscaster.
9.30 A Light Orchestral Programme with Vocal Duets by Anne Ziegler and Webster Booth.
9.45-10 News in French (on Short Wave Only).
10 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.
10.15 Dance Music.
11 London Relay—"To Talk of Many Things".
11.15 Close down.

Donations To War Fund

A total of \$2,222,010.63 was reached yesterday by the War Fund inaugurated by the Post Ltd., Ltd. with the following donations:
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CHINESE SEAMEN

The Christian Mission to Chinese Seamen in Hongkong acknowledges the following donations received during the first fortnight in June:
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Gift in kind—American National Red Cross; two tons of wheat cereal for relief of distress among Chinese seamen and their relatives.
All communications and contributions may be sent to "The Headquarters," 54 Jordan Road (1st Floor), Yau-mai, Kowloon. All cheques and money orders should be crossed and made payable to the Christian Mission to Chinese Seamen, Hongkong. Please state whether for General, Good Samaritan or Building Funds.

American Express Move

Manila, June 18.
Mr. E. E. Groves, who is in charge of the American Express in the Far East, has been transferred from Hongkong to Manila.
Mr. Groves, who is now on an inspection tour of India, is expected to make his headquarters in Manila in July. His personal staff of about three members is expected to accompany him.—United Press.

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China Lights (Old) \$5.70
Telephones (Old) \$22
Ropes \$7
Entertainments \$84
Ropes \$74
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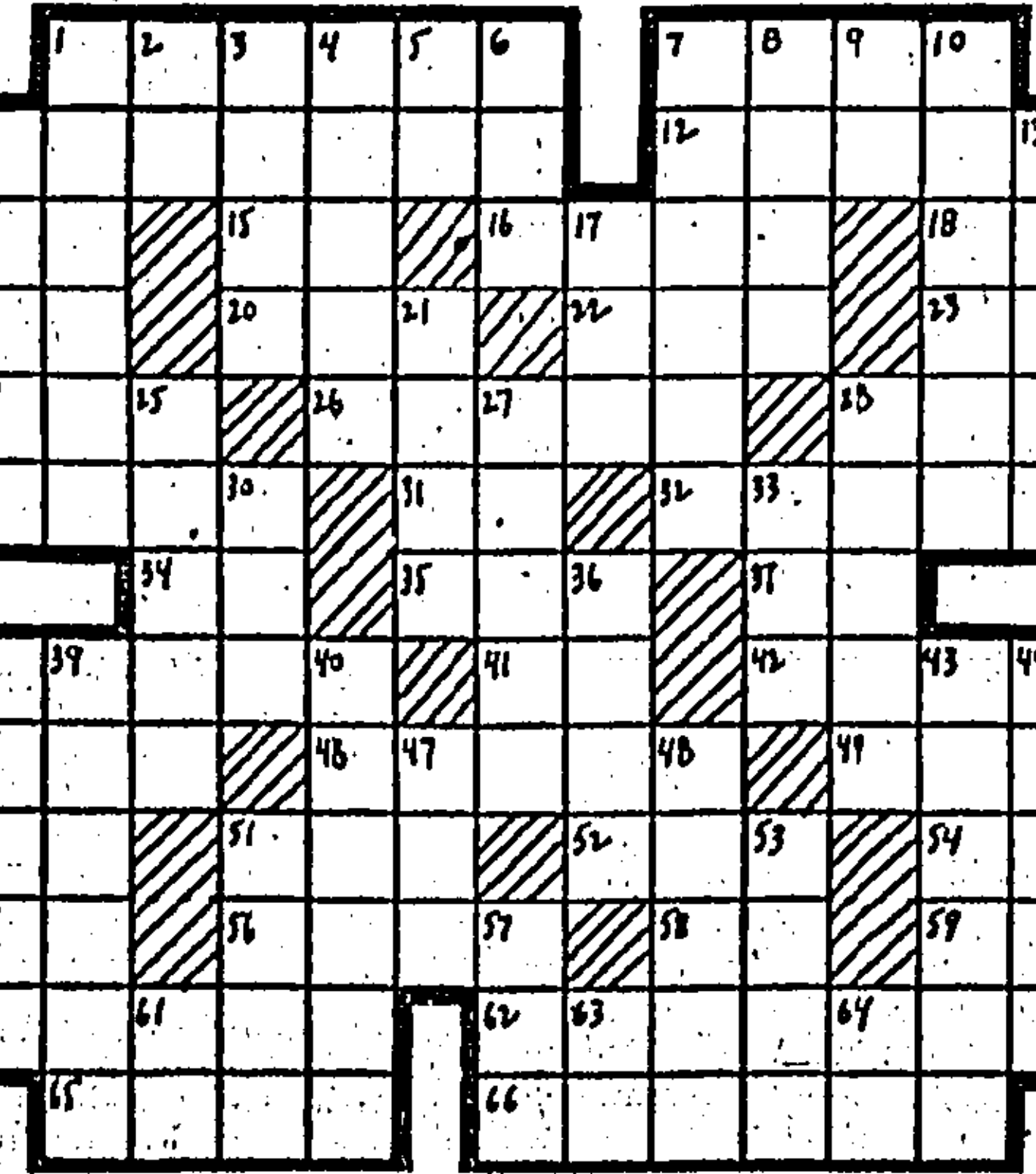
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Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS
1-Golf
7-Disturbance
11-Branch out from center
12-Aquatic mammal
14-Man's nickname
15-Housewife's first
16-Commanded
17-Consenting
18-Note of scale
19-Direct
20-The Germans
21-Japanese measure
22-Children's game
23-Conductor's stick
24-Unit of machinery
25-Submerged rock
31-Chinese mile
32-Plant spine
33-Symbol, intanalum
34-Record
35-Otherwise
36-Price rapidly
41-Engineer's degree
42-A last but not the least
43-Convict inmate
44-Female horses
45-Lick
46-Small fall
47-Feet of foot
48-Hamlet
49-Facile lily
50-Mixed type

DOWN
1-Circular measure
2-Public notice
3-Girl's name
4-West Indian
5-Aborigine
6-That thing
7-Obnoxious (slang)
8-Chawing animal
9-Roman highway
10-Battle, attacked by
11-Treat fear
12-Pause
13-Dominant
14-Extremism
15-Kia-calling
16-Panama locks
17-Italian river
18-Sea animal
19-Portuguese (slang)
20-Angry
21-Imitate
22-Union of Kichama
23-Monopoly rishi
24-Blackboard
25-It's sick
26-Reverend
27-Greek actor
28-Cleric
29-Lava
30-Nickel
31-In wake of



GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



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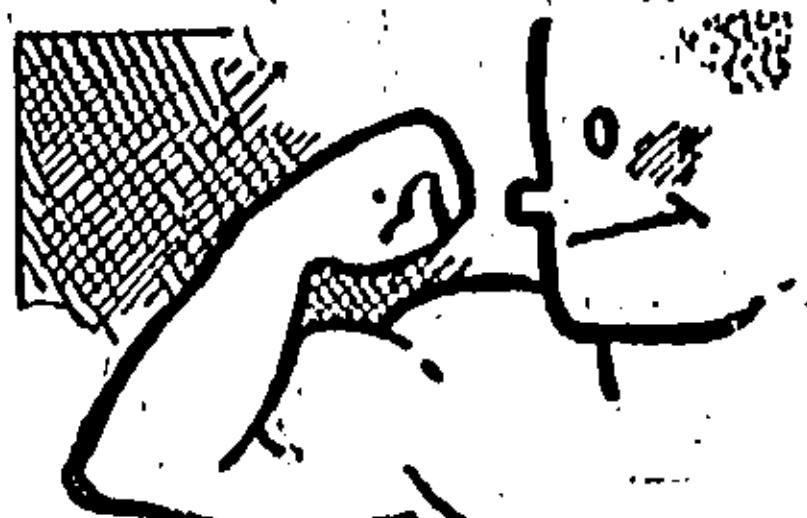


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COLONY'S LOSS

IT is with the greatest regret and a sense of grievous loss Hongkong learns that His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, has found it necessary to resign office owing to ill health. The knowledge that it is illness which has forced Sir Geoffrey to take this step evokes the keenest sympathy of the entire community, and at the same time the fervent hope that rest from his arduous and difficult labours will bring about restored health.

Sir Geoffrey has been chief administrator of Hongkong since October, 1937, and except for an interval between May last year and March this year, when Home leave was necessitated through a physical breakdown, His Excellency has been in active harness and has accomplished some outstanding work. His first important task was to effect closer unity between the Colony and the neighbouring Chinese territories by an official visit to Canton. This was prior to the Japanese occupation. The mission was a splendid success and marked Sir Geoffrey as a first class administrator as well as diplomat, although this had more than once been demonstrated during his career. Later he made an official journey to Macao which clearly cemented still further the traditional friendship between the neighbouring colonies. In fact His Excellency has always demonstrated a happy knack of putting Hongkong on the happiest relations possible with its neighbours both near and far.

So far as the Colony's internal interests and activities are concerned, Sir Geoffrey has displayed a lively concern, imbued with sympathy and understanding. He has encouraged to the limit charitable and social work, and his handling of the acute refugee problem gave added lustre to his reputation. With a war raging on the Colony's doorstep and Hongkong itself thrown into the common struggle which Britain and the Empire is waging against the totalitarian forces, the cares and complexities of administration have increased tenfold. Restrictions on the daily life of the community have become inevitable and necessary, but naturally their enforcement is not conducive to popularity. In the matter of war taxation His Excellency has been the first to suggest steps to amend anomalies and

HOW TO GET 100,000 BOMBERS

THE capitulation of the German people depends on mass aerial bombardment. And mass aerial bombardment depends on standardisation.

In the very early days of the war, I advised the Government to utilise American sources for the mass-production of a standardised medium-range bomber depending on speed rather than armament for defence.

Had that advice been taken, such bombers would now have been coming through in their thousands from America instead of the few hundred "Flying Fortresses" which, in the main, we are receiving to-day as a result of American co-operation. I admit that I favoured the standardisation of a machine of my own design, but this was in no way a *sine qua non* of the adoption of the policy.

Had the Government been prepared to lend me a Hurricane Fighter, with permission to make such alterations as were necessary to transform it into a bomber, the problem could have been solved by the use of orthodox principles.

The abandonment of orthodox principles was the only excuse which the Government put forward for turning down, not only my design but the whole policy.

Double Strength

I CHOSE the Hurricane as a prototype for the purpose on account of its extremely simple construction, and the fact that it lent itself more readily to modification and mass production than any other type in existence with anything approaching its high performance. Since the Hurricane is designed for fighting, and consequently capable of withstanding the enormous loads set up by aerobatic manoeuvres, the strength factors are approximately twice those required for a bomber.

Thus, as a bomber, its total weight could be doubled if necessary without endangering the strength of the structure. The undercarriage would be capable of standing the extra load, providing this load was in the form of bombs and petrol that would be used up before a landing was made, for it is landing that imposes the greatest strain on the landing-gear.

To enable a heavily-loaded machine of this nature to take off from an ill-prepared or bombed surface—an essential condition—some form of assisted take-off was highly desirable.

While what is now regarded as my obsession in favour of the slipwing scheme was, in my opinion, the most desirable method to be employed, there were other more orthodox means that might have been used, such as assistance by rockets, which the Germans are now employing to aid the initial acceleration of their heavily-loaded bombers.

2,000lb. Bomb

MY modification of the Hurricane would have been based on a possible wing loading up to 50lb. a square foot—double the wing loading of early Hurricanes.

to assist those hard hit by abnormal circumstances; he has been active in trying to keep the cost of living within incomes, especially where it has vitally affected the poorer classes of Chinese.

He has, in fact, given unstintingly of his talents, and the Colony is grateful for his efforts. Shortcomings in the administration have long been obvious, but they are not the fault of the Governor, but a system which is antiquated and to which, very largely owing to the war and its urgent claims, His Excellency has been unable to effect much needed changes. Nevertheless Sir Geoffrey has, with sincerity and a keen appreciation of local problems, well carried out his office, and the benefits of his labours will assuredly be felt in the future. It will be with lasting regret that the Colony bids him farewell.

With the wings the same size, an extra 6,000lb. load could be carried.

But as my main object is speed, I would cut the wing area from 250 to 200 square feet.

I would carry one 2,000lb. bomb in a stream-lined fairing under the fuselage, and an extra 1,000lb. of petrol.

This would bring wing loading to 45lb. a square foot.

The clipped wings, and improved Merlin engines available, would bring the speed of this Bomber Hurricane to 370 miles an hour—faster than any enemy single-seater fighter.

500 A Day

AMERICAN industry has told us that, given a standardised design, it can turn out 500 planes a day. Ford has said he can produce 1,000 planes a day. If we can accept the figures of the inventor of mass-production and the most successful manufacturer in the world, that adds up to 1,500 a day.

by Noel

Pemberton-Billing,

Pioneer Airman and, as an ex-M.P., one of the most Outstanding Figures of the Last War.

Taking off a third for American salesmanship and another men on air duties other than third, for American optimism, those for which they are physically equipped, that would leave us with 500 a day, which is only five aircraft a day for a hundred plants, not a big order for American industry.

From my own intimate knowledge of American production efforts, I consider it a conservative figure.

Allowing three months for the proving of the principle of my experiments, and six months for the manufacturers' qualifications in those early days were nothing like as severe as they are to-day (although the old box kites were infinitely more tricky).

For the past seven months we should have been receiving 15,000 planes a month, a total air fleet of 105,000 bombers, each capable of carrying 2,000 lb. of bombs to Berlin or any other target in Germany 24 hours a day, seven days a week. And their speed would have given them immunity.

Although these figures appear astronomical, I am satisfied that they are practical.

Sorting The Pilots

HOW can pilots be found to take over the bombers as fast as arrival?

While the leisurely methods of training pilots and air crews employed by the Air Ministry have been recently modified by the adoption of recommendations similar to those which I made to the Commons in 1917, I still hold that the principles employed have little relation to war's realities.

In the mass production of pilots the first essential of selection is psychological, and this divides the applicants into three types:

1. The men who have a fear reaction against the visible danger but whose lack of imagination causes them to be insensitive to the unseen danger. Here is the ideal night bomber pilot.
2. The inverse type, those who have a fear reaction to the unknown but who become more mentally buoyant when danger visibly presents itself, provide the ideal pilots for day bombing.
3. Those whose sense of recklessness dominates both their imagination and their fear of consequence, and here you have the ideal fighter pilot.

100,000 BOMBERS and the Right Pilots to Fly Them to Berlin

necessarily low-lying country between Bournemouth and Aberdeen.

A great number of aerodromes in different parts of the country is necessary to avoid the dangers of fog over some particular area.

The equipment of each aircraft would include a small receiving set to enable the returning pilot to be directed to a different aerodrome if his own base were endangered by mist.

This system, together with the use of the level-landing type of three-wheel under-carriage, should sufficiently reduce the dangers of landing at night, dangers which are evidenced by the fact that, without reference to our own losses, more German night-raiders are lost attempting to land at their own bases than are shot down over this country.

Two Suggestions

TO ship 500 bombers a day across the Atlantic would appear impossible.

Therefore, I trust the Air Ministry will not consider the suggestion that these mass-produced bombers should be flown from Newfoundland to Britain either unorthodox or fantastic.

That every precaution should be taken to reduce to a minimum the possibility of the loss of plane or pilot must be the first consideration.

Therefore, so far as the limits of this article permit, let me make two constructive suggestions in this connection.

The problem is the crossing of 1,800 miles of open sea.

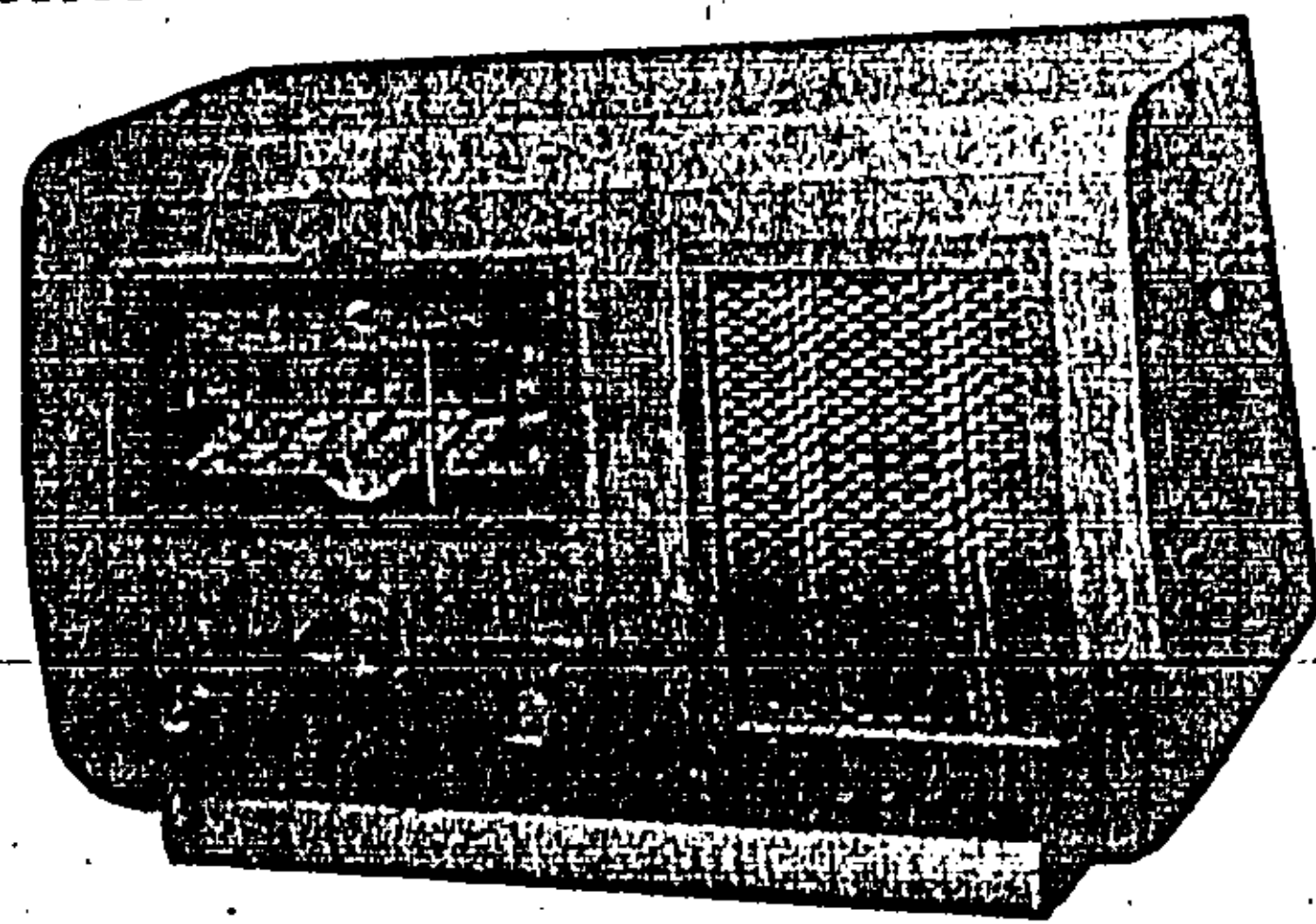
As far as the aircraft are concerned, what does this amount to? The strapping on of a belly tank in the place of the 2,000lb. bomb would give it a range of 4,000 miles, which would enable it to fly to England and back to America without landing.

As a precaution against possible engine failure, almost unheard of these days with properly warmed engines, I would propose to send with each hundred machines, which would leave at three-minute intervals, a four-motored flying boat built in the United States—a flying boat which would be able to alight on the sea and rescue any unfortunate pilot who, for any reason whatsoever, was forced down on the water, but who would be kept afloat by temporary flotation gear in the aircraft.

Guard Ships

As and when the conditions of the Atlantic were such as to render the landing of the flying boat inadvisable, I would recommend the stationing of 18 armed merchant cruisers, to hold station every 100 miles, which would enable any aeroplane flying at a height of 20,000ft. to glide down close to the nearest ship, which would be equipped with high speed motor-boats, or such life-boats as could withstand the conditions prevailing.

Whether the Air Ministry in their wisdom (sic) decide to adopt my recommendations for the mass-production of standardised bombers in America or not, accepting delivery by air between Britain or America, is a method that must be standardised and not limited to certain types. I submit these two schemes for official consideration. From the "Sunday Dispatch" over the flat but not patch.



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Time And Tide

HERE come The Twins at last, ever unpunctual and charming as ever. Too late to offer them tea, of course, with the hands of the cabin chronometer standing at an uncompromising six-fifteen. And so the visit will develop once again into an informal cocktail party—as The Twins have quite possibly foreseen. Luckily there is still a shot or two of gin in the cabin locker, and a tall bottle of Rose's Lime Juice in a

cunningly constructed rack. The Twins are quite firm about this gin and lime. They know it helps to keep those slender graceful figure lines which appeal to yachtsmen like some shapely beauty from the yard of a master-builder. The yachting world bestows no higher praise. And never by any chance can there be the slightest trace of a headache after Rose's, an important point for young ladies as popular as these unpunctual Twins.

Loss Of Crete Debated In Lords Members Told Of Brighter Side

LONDON, June 18 (Reuter).—The debate on Crete in the House of Lords was initiated by Lord Addison who dwelt particularly upon the defence of aerodromes in which, he declared, there is a division of responsibility.

If the higher direction on that matter was responsible for the defeat in Crete, we should not run similar risks in our home defence.

Lord Addison said that he was himself responsible in March and April this year for bringing to the notice of the War Office and the Air Ministry a very serious memorandum on the subject, but nothing happened.

Lord Addison argued that the reason why this vital matter was not apprehended adequately is because not enough play has been given to the top to learn.

Viscount Samuel (Lib.) found much cause for gratification. Alluding to a number of important occurrences in which Hitler has failed, Lord Samuel quoted the phrase by Charles "You may point with a very big brush and yet not be a great painter."

Spain Still Neutral

He referred to Iraq and to the fact that contrary to expectations a year ago, Hitler had not yet shaken Spain's neutrality and marched on Gibraltar.

The affection and mutual confidence between the Soviet and Germany, continued Lord Samuel, was now apparently shown by the massing of armed millions from the Baltic to the Black Sea.

The Soviet alliance with Japan has not frightened the United States from talking over action to assist the Allies. American action must be greatly influenced by the attitude of sister republics in Central and South America which Germany has been making intense efforts to influence but has failed.

Americas Solid

The whole of the 21 American Republics and the Pan-American Union remain solid.

The Battle of the Atlantic is far from being won but it certainly is not won for Hitler.

The distinguished former Chief of the Air Force, Lord Trenchard, said that there was much misunderstanding regarding the recent air operations.

If more aerodromes had been built in Crete, they would never have survived the large-scale bombing attacks which the Germans could bring against them. Whether it was possible ever to accumulate enough equipment adequately to defend aerodromes in Greece and Crete was a point which only those with full knowledge could answer.

The facilities at the disposal of the Germans for bringing up planes and supplies were incomparably superior to the British.

Lord Trenchard said that one of the reasons for the evacuation of Crete was that we could not get reserves of troops in the battle zone.

Question of Reserves

"You cannot keep your reserve troops in the battle zone. For this purpose of having reserves in depth, an Air Force reserve of far greater than 100 per cent. is needed. There will always be a large number of reserves for the Middle East locked up in transit along the lines of communication."

Lord Trenchard declared that the defence of aerodromes was the responsibility of the Army.

Field Marshal Lord Milne made a strong plea that the War Office should accelerate the supply of information concerning the whereabouts, if alive, of men from Greece and Crete as in many cases relatives do not know what had happened to their sons and husbands.

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German Losses

Lord Moyne, leader of the House, replying to the debate for the Government, refuted the "Nazi lie" that the whole force of the German attack on Crete was borne by Anzac troops. British troops in the operation in this area had been equal in number and slightly more than equal in casualties.

The number of German dead in Crete was four times as many as the British and exceeded the total of British losses in killed, wounded and missing.

We lost relatively little military material whereas we destroyed at least 430 of the costliest German types of planes and blunted the teeth of the Luftwaffe.

Co-operation with the Army will not be inferior to that of the Germans when our system of air support is complete.

Defence of Aerodromes

In this country, aerodromes are defended by the Royal Air Force and local defence serving particular aerodromes. They will be supplemented and backed up by the Army.

Lord Moyne declared that the hindrance of distance to the Eastern Mediterranean is being steadily counteracted.

The resistance in Greece and Crete has given us months to strengthen the position in the Suez Canal.

Italians have been cleared out of threatening positions, the South Africans and others in the Red Sea operations have been enabled to reinforce the main position in the Mediterranean and counteract the trenchery in Iraq and of Vichy in Syria.

Meanwhile from Britain, United States, India and Africa, growing volumes of armaments and transport are flowing in and have far exceeded the loss of material.

In the Syrian operations, the Australians are already flying American planes.

A Free Passage

If we had given a free passage to the Germans by not resisting in Greece and Crete, the situation on the Suez Canal defences would have been far more anxious than it was to-day. We have used the time to good purpose.

The prospects of the present vicious tank battle would have been very different if the Germans could have got in all the tanks they wanted and if we had not four months in which to reinforce our resources.

Sacrifices and suffering undergone by the British, Australian and New Zealand forces had not only caused a serious setback in Hitler's eastern plan but might bring their final wrecking.

Bomber Downed Over Britain

LONDON, June 18 (Reuter).—One enemy bomber was destroyed on Tuesday night in raids on Britain.

A very small number of enemy aircraft flew over the coastal areas in the southwest this afternoon.

Up to 9 p.m. G.M.T. no reports were received of any bombs having been dropped, states an Air Ministry communique.

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Japanese Plan New Drive

Hankow Reinforced

CHUNGKING, June 18 (Reuter).—Intensive reconnoitring by Japanese aircraft in the past two days along both banks of the Siang River in northern Hunan, including the towns of Hsiangyang, Sinshih, Pingklung and Chingching, is causing speculation whether the Japanese intend to launch a drive in that region.

Field dispatches from the northern Hunan front report that the Japanese forces in southern Hunan, along the Hupai-Hunan Railway, have launched attacks between Tungshen, Taungyang and Tungshan, towards points on the Hunan border, but it is pointed out that so far the fighting has been of minor importance.

Information received from Chinese military authorities indicates that the Japanese have been sending reinforcements to the Hankow area, probably between one and two divisions.

Three Italian Ships Sunk

British Subs. Active

LONDON, June 18 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that British submarines operating in the Aegean Sea have torpedoed and sunk an Italian tanker and three frigates, one of the latter being laden with German personnel and another with drums of oil.

British submarines in the central Mediterranean have sunk two Italian supply ships.

The Italian tanker was the Giuseppe Gharaldi, of 3,319 tons.

U.S. Judge On Issues of War

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., June 18 (Reuter).—In the United States Supreme Court, Mr. Justice Felix Frankfurter, one of President Roosevelt's closest New Deal advisers, held that it was fallacious to believe that "war never settles anything."

Speaking against "the paralyzing evasions of thought," Judge Frankfurter, addressing women graduates of Radcliffe College, adjacent to Harvard University, said: "The Civil War settled slavery; this war will settle the quality of your lives and your children's lives."

Successor To Sir Mark Young

LONDON, June 18 (Reuter).—Sir Wilfred Edward Francis Jackson, Governor of British Guiana, is appointed Governor of Guyana in succession to Sir Mark Aitchison Young, who becomes Governor of Hongkong.

Sir Wilfred Jackson is 59 years old and has spent many years in the Colonial service, having served at various posts in Trinidad, Uganda, Bermuda and the Gold Coast. In 1930 he became Governor of Mauritius, taking over the Government of British Guiana seven years later.

U.S. Bases Are Ready

WASHINGTON, June 18 (Reuter).—United States naval and air bases in Bermuda Islands and Newfoundland will be commissioned within the next fortnight.

This was announced to-day by the Secretary of the Navy, Colonel Frank Knox.

The naval and air bases on Morgan and Tucker Islands will be commissioned on July 1.

Red Leaders See Ukrainian Play

MOSCOW, June 18 (Reuter).—The presence of Messrs Stalin and Molotov and other members of the Soviet Government at a performance on Sunday of a modern comedy called "On the Steppes of the Ukraine" is mentioned in the Soviet press to-day.

The fact is alluded to in prominent notices of the season of the Ukrainian Theatre Company from Kiev now being held in Moscow.

Finnish Ships Detained

LONDON, June 18 (UP).—The Ministry of Economic Warfare to-day announced that the Royal Navy has intercepted and detained three Finnish ships which were en-route to Poland during the past few days.

It was stated that Britain no longer regards Finland as a "truly independent State."

SINO-BURMESE BORDER NOTES

CHUNGKING, June 18 (Reuter).—An exchange of notes between the Chinese and British Governments on the delimitation of the Sino-Burmese frontier took place here at 5 p.m. to-day.

One note defines in detail the line which will be the frontier between Yunnan and Burma. Another defines the boundaries of the area on the Burma side of the frontier in which the Burmese Government agrees to permit Chinese participation in any mining enterprise which may be undertaken by British concerns.

In 1885, Britain annexed Upper Burma and by the Convention relating to Burma and Tibet entered into between Britain and China in 1890, it was agreed that the frontier between China and Burma would be marked by a delimitation commission.

Negotiations were opened in 1902 and the Convention was signed on March 1, 1904, defining the frontier.

Long In Abeyance

A subsequent agreement in 1907 provided for certain modifications, but considerable difficulties were experienced owing to the inexactness of the terms used in the Convention.

Three separate boundary commissions failed to reach an agreement regarding a portion of the frontier of about 200 miles between the Rivers Namling and Namhak. The matter was in abeyance for over 30 years until in 1934 it was raised again.

A difference of opinion regarding the right to investigate certain mineral deposits believed to exist in the disputed area.

By an exchange of notes in Nanking on April 9, 1935, China, Britain and India agreed to the establishment of a Commission under the chairmanship of a Commissioner appointed by the League of Nations which submitted a report and recommendations.

New Railway

The matter was again shelved when hostilities between China and Japan broke out in the summer of 1937.

The question became again acute when the Chinese Government decided to press on with the construction of the Yunnan-Burma Railway. The earliest route would take the railway across the area in dispute.

Under these circumstances, aided by the more friendly atmosphere prevailing between China and Britain, a solution was quickly found and this solution was embodied in the notes which were exchanged this afternoon.

STARACE IS REPLACED

VICENZA, June 18 (Reuter).—Signor Starace, the former Secretary of the Fascist Party, is no longer a member of the Chamber of Fasci and Corporations, says a Rome dispatch.

A decree signed by Mussolini appointing Lieut-General Enzo Galgiani in his place. He also replaces Starace as Chief of Staff of the Fascist Militia.

Robin Moor Photographs

NEW YORK, June 18 (Reuter).—Mr. Sumner Welles, the Under-Secretary of State, told the press to-day that the Robin Moor survivors had excellent photographs corroborating the oral testimony that she was sunk by a German submarine.

Antipodean Liaison

CANBERRA, June 18 (Reuter).—Mr. R. G. Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, announced to-day that he had discussed the question of an exchange of High Commissioners with Mr. Peter Fraser, the New Zealand Prime Minister, when he was passing through there.

The matter had been under discussion for some time.

JAVA CIGARS FOR PREMIER

A casket of 500 Java cigars has been received by Mr. Churchill from the people of the Dutch East Indies as a tribute to his "energy, tenacity, and incomparable leadership of a great people." Mr. Churchill, in reply, said, "I am delighted, not only by the cigars but also the spirit in which they were given."

Emden Brass To Be Used For Fittings On Chasers

Brass Relics of the Great War German raider Emden, which was sunk off the Cocos Islands in Nov. 9, 1914, by H.M.A.S. Sydney, have been presented in the cause of salvage in Singapore and will be melted down and turned into integral parts of two submarine chasers being built there.

The relics are two big wheels and a coupling, owned by a European rubber broker who came into possession of them only a few months ago.

Early in 1938, Japanese fishermen brought back to Singapore shells which they had salvaged from the Emden. More Japanese fishing boats were picked up more scrap from the Emden.

The three relics were part of the fishing boat's equipment. The three pieces have been sent to the Singapore Harbour Board which is building and presenting the two submarine chasers to the Royal Navy.

These vessels will be equipped complete with armaments, stores and fittings.

The offer of a gift of two such vessels was accepted by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, and

Major Baseball

N. Y. Yankees Defeated Again

NEW YORK, June 18 (UP).—New York Yankees suffered defeat again to-day losing to Chicago White Sox 3-2 in the American League.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Chicago..... 3 11 2
Battery: Lee, G. Dickey.
New York..... 2 10 2
Battery: Chandler, Rosar.

Philadelphia..... 14 17 0
Battery: Foster, Henrich.
Cleveland..... 2 4 2
Battery: McCrabb, Dean, Hayes.

Detroit..... 9 11 0
Battery: Rowe, Tobetts.
Boston..... 2 8 3
Battery: Harris, Elyak.

The Washington-St. Louis game will be played to-night.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Philadelphia..... 3 6 0
Battery: Blanton, Pearson, Livingston.
St. Louis..... 7 9 0
Battery: Lanier, Mancuso.

Brooklyn..... 1 8 1
Battery: Hamlin, Kimball, Tamulis.
Owens.
Chicago..... 8 8 0
Battery: Olsen, McCallough.

The Boston-Cincinnati and New York-Pittsburgh fixtures are night games.

Australia Rations Tobacco

Although Australian tobacco and cigarette supplies will be reduced again from July 1, it was officially denied that there was likely to be a further restriction of 15 per cent. in addition to the present effective rationing of about 7 per cent.

Officials deplored unauthorised speculations about the extent of further rationing, and said that it caused unnecessary anxiety among retailers.

Rationing of manufactured tobacco and cigarettes is to prevent an increase in consumption. Manufacturers are allowed to manufacture on a monthly basis, the equivalent of 100 per cent of requirements for the year ended September 30, 1940.

From the domestic production of manufactured tobacco, however, large quantities are supplied to Australian troops overseas, and a recent survey indicated that the present rationing meant a restriction of about seven per cent throughout Australia.

Troops Smoke More

Increased consumption by Australian troops abroad, who are estimated to be smoking twice or two and a half times as much as they did in Australia, is one factor which will necessitate further restriction after June 30, when the rationing scheme will be reviewed.

Officials say it is impossible to forecast what the new restrictions are likely to be.

Air Mail Surtax

CHUNGKING, June 18. The public is notified that from June 20, the air mail surtax on the following categories of air mail articles will be 25 cents per 10 grammes, in addition to ordinary postage:—(a) Between domestic papers, printed matter, papers, impressions, printed matter or with characters in relief for the use of the blind, trade circulars and samples; (b) Between domestic places, commercial papers and small packets; (c) International.

The National Trust has announced that further steps have been taken to preserve the area lying between their Box Hill and White Hill estates and forming part of the Little Switzerland valley. This area had for some time been threatened with building development.

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Famous Dance Band Leader Killed in Air Raid

Ken ("Snake Hips") Johnson, famous West End coloured dance band leader, and Martin Poulsen, who rose from £2 a week as a waiter to be one of London's best-known restaurant owners, have been killed in a recent air raid on London.

Johnson, who was born in Georgetown, British Guiana, 27 years ago, got his nickname from admirers who said he moved his hips in perfect time to the rhythm of his West Indian band.

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Poverty To Riches

Martin Poulsen was 51. He was the owner of the Cafe de Paris and the Cafe Anglaise.

He went to London from Denmark more than 30 years ago and started as a waiter at the Embassy Club, which, years later, he controlled.

He had 3s. 6d. in his pocket when he arrived in England. Three years ago it was estimated that he controlled a chain of business worth £300,000.

He had been associated with practically all the West End's most famous night haunts. He was a friend of royalty and personally knew all the best-known people in society.

Mr. Poulsen always believed in taking a chance. He opened the £50,000 London Casino, England's only theatre-restaurant, and introduced many new features into London's night life.

It was often said that his smile was his fortune. He was called the "smiling waiter" when he first started at the Embassy.

His patrons suggested that he should start up on his own, and with £100 capital he rented a vacant Piccadilly restaurant for one week. He made enough to pay his way, and that was the beginning of his climb to West End fame.

"WICK'S" BOWLS NOTES

Recreio "A" Suffer Second Defeat

Incidents That Involved Knowledge Of Rules

Important Game This Week-end

FOR THE INDIANS, their victory over Recreio "A" in the First Division of the League last Saturday was historic. During their four seasons among the seniors, they have beaten, at one time or another, every other team except Recreio "A" who have always proved too good for them. And their success last week was all the more creditable in that it was scored at King's Park.

This was the champions' second defeat this season—a fact which may jeopardise their prospects of retaining the championship.

Certainly the race for League honours in the First Division is now very open with at least three teams running neck to neck.

Once before—in 1939—the Indian nearly beat Recreio "A", but the brilliance of Carlos Silva on the last head of the day—in fact with the last wood—dashed their hopes. In those days the issue was decided on aggregate scores, and when two rinks had finished and A. R. Dallah and Silva were playing their last head, the teams were on level terms. Dallah's rink laid the shot when Silva was about to send down his last wood. He seemed to be well and truly blocked on the only hand that was open to him, but he rolled a beauty which rested on the jack for the winning shot.

TO return to last week's game. It was Dallah's rink which laid the foundation for the Indians' victory. Playing well to a man, they easily outplayed the rink skipped by R. F. Luz and won by no fewer than 21 shots.

All the way Dallah's four were covering the deficit of the other two Indian rinks. A. K. Minu was in a bad way and was lucky to lose by only ten shots to F. X. M. da Silva, while M. R. Abbas was all the time five or six down to Carlos Silva until the last two heads.

Excitement ran high towards the end as it could be seen that the aggregate result was still very much in doubt. But on the 20th head, Abbas scored a six to tie his score with Carlos Silva, and then finished up with a three for his winning margin.

These two heads swung the scales heavily in favour of the Indians, and with Dallah scoring a brace on the last head, the visitors won by 14 shots—the biggest of three defeats the champions have sustained in 52 matches.

AN interesting point cropped up in this match. Carlos Silva, who suffers from kidney trouble, had one of his periodic attacks towards the latter stages of his game. Could he drop out?

The rules say: "In the absence of a single player, the game will proceed and the number of bowls shall be made up by the playing of the odd bowls by the first and second players, each playing one bowl each end, but one fourth of the total shots scored by any rink playing three men shall be deducted from its score at the end of the game."

That is clear enough. But, if a player, after playing ten heads for example, is taken ill, what is the procedure? It has been suggested that he drop out at that stage and a fourth of the total shots scored by his rink in the remaining heads deducted at the end of the game.

Apparently there is a precedent for this. Many years ago, Buchanan, (who was a Prison Warden), playing lead for Craigengower, was summoned back to the prisons owing to a riot having broken out. The game went on and a fourth of the total shots scored on the

remaining heads by his rink were deducted.

If C. Silva had dropped out in the last five or six heads, and this procedure adopted by his rink, the chances are that his rink would have won. This is not meant to be a reflection on Silva's play; we know what a fine bowler he is. But no man can play properly with a kidney trouble attack.

THERE was another incident in the match which goes to show how few people know the rules. On one of the heads, R. F. Luz dropped his wood and it rolled less than half way down the green. It finished up past the first flag but not up to the second. U. M. Omar, the veteran Inter-club skip, who was watching the match, drew attention to this rule. The distance between the wood and the mat was duly measured, and the wood was subsequently declared "dead."

FIRST round in the Open Rinks Championship was chiefly notable for the victory of U. M. Omar's rink over "Spuggy" Silva's. Although the margin of victory at the end was five shots, the match was a very close one, especially in the closing stages when either side might have won.

After the 10th, the scores were 17-16 in Omar's favour. On the 20th, Silva was having the shot when the skips went down. Had he been able to keep this, a different tale might have been told. But Omar rested out the wood to give his side two, and on the last head "Spuggy" had to get four to win. He conceded two.

One peculiar match was played at Kowloon Docks where Adam Holland's rink defeated Eddie Sousa's by 25-22 after conceding five and an eight.

Although there were several close finishes, the other matches provided little of interest inasmuch as the majority of the rinks are not expected to go far.

THIS week's programme of matches in the First Division includes one interesting encounter. The Indians, now on the crest of the wave, will entertain Craigengower at Soekunpo, where the home team are always difficult to beat. It will be a good match to watch, but I am not forecasting the result.

Another good game will be that between Kowloon D.C.C. "A" and Police. The latter have two good rinks, and if only they could strengthen their third, they would be a formidable side.

Perhaps the return of J. C. S. Fender and J. Orem to the Colony will prove to be the answer to their prayers. Understand that they are both due back shortly.



Adam Holland's rink in action against E. C. Fincher's in the K.C.C.-K.B.G.C. "A" Bowls match on Saturday. G. Deacon (No. 1) bowling with L. Jack, W. Mulcahy, A. E. Perry and W. L. Walker looking on.—Ming Yuen.

25-1 Outsider Wins Wartime Derby

Louis' Most Formidable Opponent

Conn Bids For Title

NEW YORK, June 18 (Reuter).—To-night Joe Louis will have what is expected to be his hardest fight since he won the world heavyweight boxing title from James J. Braddock by a knock-out in the eighth round on June 22, 1937. Since then he has been challenged 17 times and has won generally well inside the distance. To-night, his 18th challenger is Billy Conn, the Irish-American who, after decisively defeating all-comers in the light-heavyweight class, renounced that crown last month to tackle Louis.

It is expected Conn will give Louis at least 20-15. Those who maintain that a mediocre big 'un will beat a good little 'un expect Louis to retain the title, but many are not surprised if the negro is defeated.

Conn Concedes Weight Later—Conn weighed in at 12 stone 6 pounds, which is much below expectations, while Louis weighed 14 stone 13 pounds 2 ounces.

Dr William Walker stated that both men were in excellent condition. He said that Conn showed the least signs of nerves in his bloodpressure and pulse than any fighter he had ever examined.

The weather forecast is "clear, moderate temperature."

Billiards & Snooker

Recreio Beat European "Y" In Return Match

CLUB DE RECREIO were hosts to the European Y.M.C.A. in a friendly billiards and snooker return match yesterday, winning easily by five matches to one. Highest billiards break of the evening was A. J. Osmund's 66 in his match against C. Terrans. E. M. Soares, who beat C. T. Eager by three points, was second highest with 53.

L. Sykes scored the highest break at snooker with 19 points. Scores were:

Billiards: Recreio (53) 150 C. Y.M.C.A. 147 E. M. Soares (53) 150 W. T. Eager 147 R. F. Luz (60) 208 C. Terrans (45) 70 A. J. Osmund (66) 208 C. Terrans (45) 70

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Owen Tudor Easily Beats Morogoro

Packed Trains To Newmarket Heath

LONDON, June 18 (Reuter).—England's second wartime Derby, run to-day at Newmarket instead of traditional Epsom Downs, resulted in a win for Owen Tudor, 25-1 outsider, who finished a length and a half in front of Morogoro, 11-2.

Places were: Owen Tudor (Nevett) ... 1 Morogoro (Harry Wragg) 2 Fiorenzo Din (Stephenson) 3 Betting: 25-1 Owen Tudor, 11-2 Morogoro, 100-1 Fiorenzo Din. Won by a length and a half, two lengths.

Time: 2:35. Other Single Court (Cliff Richards), Royal Academy (Gethin), Cuedley (Jones), Mazarin (Bartlam), Devonley (Perry), Selin, Hassan (Beary), Valdivian (Herbert), Starwort (Joe Taylor), Annaton (Arthur Thoroughgood), Sunacole (Pat Beasley), Orthodox (Denis Smith), Ptolemy (Ephraim Smith), Camperdown (Lewy), Longway (Elliott), Sunny Island (Carey) and Fairy Prince (Line).

Following was the final call-over: Owen Tudor 11 to 1 and a half, Sun Castle 11 to 2 and a half, Morogoro 6 to 1 and a half, Devonley 10 to 1, 21 to 2, 2; Chateau 10 to 1, 9 to 1, 10 to 1; Orthodox 10 to 1, 15 to 1; Starwort 100 to 1; Thoroughgood 100 to 1; Ptolemy 10 to 1; Fairy Prince 20 to 1; Annaton 22 to 1 and a half; Camperdown 22 to 1; Cuedley 25 to 1 and a half; Owen Tudor 25 to 1; 35 to 1 and a half; Selin 35 to 1 and a half; Sunny Island 35 to 1; Royal Academy 40 to 1 and a half; Ptolemy 40 to 1; Single Court 66 to 1; Fiorenzo Din 100 to 1.

Owen Tudor, trained by Mrs. Macdonald Buchanan, daughter and heiress of Lord Woolavington. His much better fancied stable companion Morogoro was soundly beaten.

He is the seventh Derby winner trained by Fred Darling, who has thus equalled the record held by the late John Porter.

Mrs Buchanan is the third woman to own a Derby winner.

The successful jockey, W. Nevett, obtained special leave from his army duties. It was his first Derby success.

Packed Trains Early morning trains which left London were packed with people bound for the Heath to witness the Derby. There seemed greater interest than last year and the open nature of the race was shown by the wide betting range among the 20 runners, nearly all of whom had followers.

A late wire from the course suggested Annaton as a sound each-way proposition, though there was still money for the shorter priced runners. Many uniformed people were among the visitors, officers and men on leave, taking the opportunity to see the race. One party was of Czechoslovakian officers.

Despite wartime conditions and the fact that it was a substitute race, it was generally considered the field was of good standard and from a breeder's viewpoint the race was worth winning despite the reduced value, the winner taking £4,473, compared for instance with £10,025 which was Blue Peter's share in 1930.

King's Horse Fails Hopes of a royal victory in the opening race were disappointed when the King's Merry Wanderer, starting favourite, failed to reach the third in the Royston Handicap. The winner was Lord Gell's The Pelican which won a thrilling race by a head from Lord Portals Longriggan.

Record Crowd Despite the difficulties of travel there was no transport between the town and course—a police inspector expressed the opinion that the crowd was a record for Newmarket. Racing enthusiasts smilingly trudged the three miles from the station, many arriving long before racing started to picnic on the Heath where they could watch the services maintaining vigilance with aeroplanes zooming above and tanks manoeuvring on the ground. Many people slept on the Heath owing to lack of accommodation in the

Probables And Jockeys For New Oaks

LONDON, June 18 (Reuter).—Probables and jockeys for the New Oaks are: Flite (Lowrey), Hill Hampton (Richardson), Falence (Arthur Wragg), Freccia (Beary), Commotion (Harry Wragg), Dancing Time (Perryman), Sunny Dear (Cliff Richards), Sanatoga (Bridgland), Beausite (Taylor), Turkana (Evans), Mercy (Ephraim Smith), Chelan (Beasley), Roman Empress (no jockey).

Les Steers Clears 6ft 11ins Record High Jump

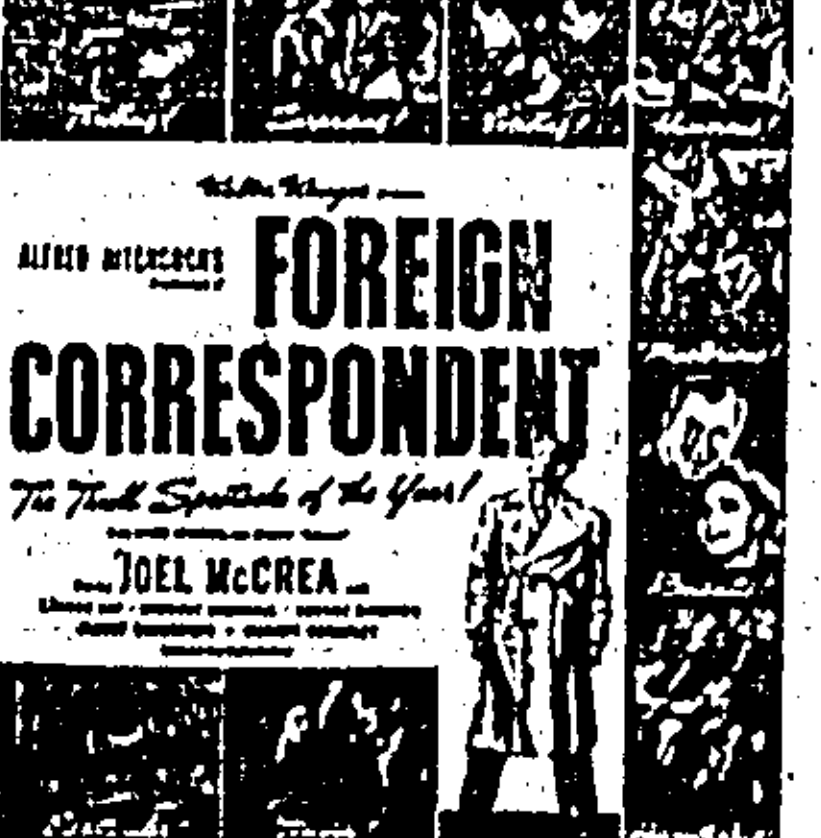
LOS ANGELES, June 18 (Reuter).—Two world athletic records were broken to-day. Les Steers cleared 6 ft 11 in in the high jump and a four-man team from the University of California covered the mile in 3:9 2-5. Steers has been in magnificent form lately. His record effort was the third time in a few weeks that he had improved on the high jump figures, which are fast reaching 7 ft. The relay team was opposed to a team from the University of Southern California, which finished a few inches behind. The previous record was 3:10 7-10 by a British team.

town but all were up bright and early looking for tips.

The recent clothes rationing appeared not to worry the women and few were seen without stockings. The most notable omission was the familiar tippet of the menfolk.

Race cards, sold in aid of the Red Cross, brought double the usual price. People continued to pour into the stands even after early arrivals had seen the King's horse run only fifth in the opening race.

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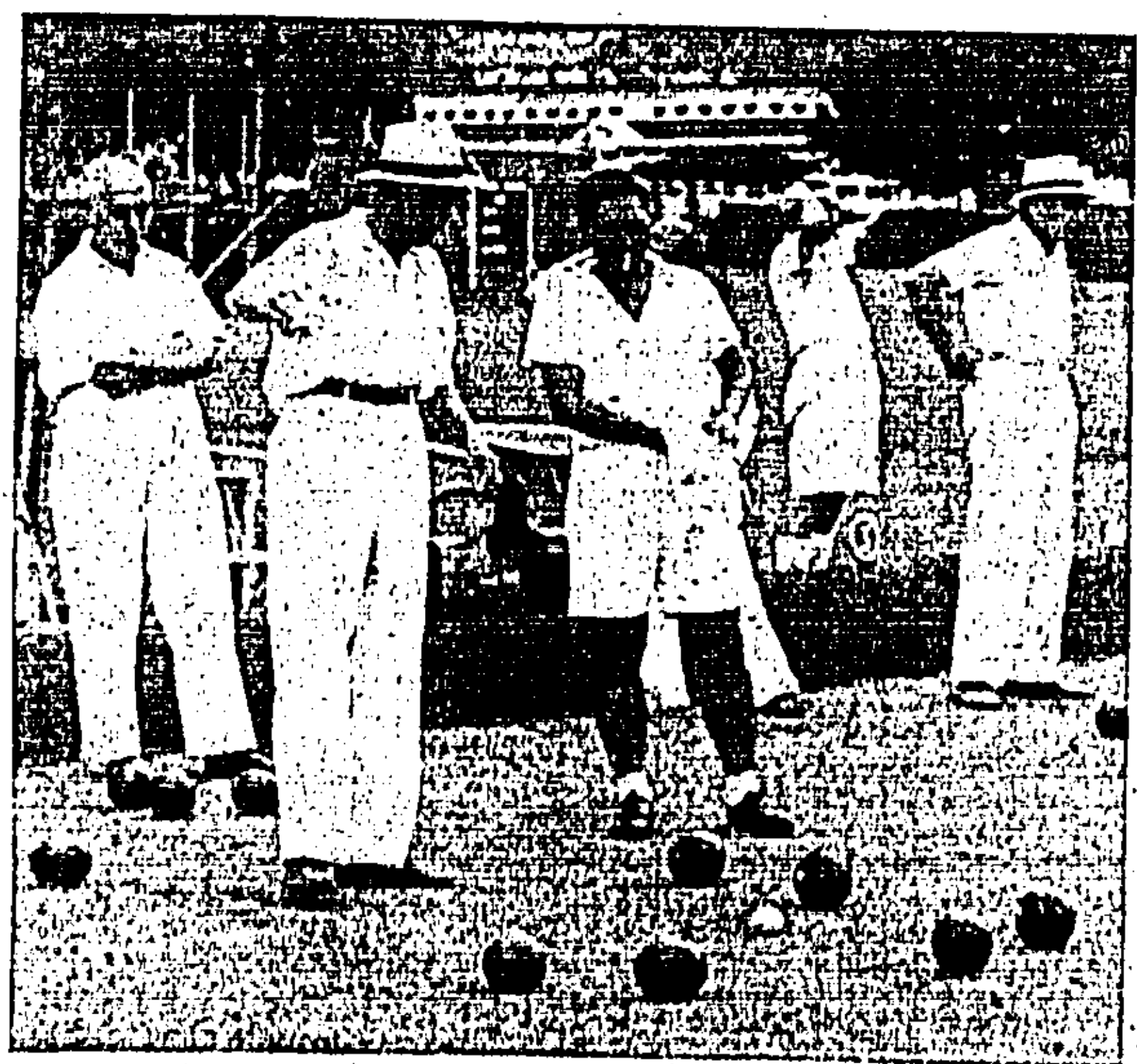
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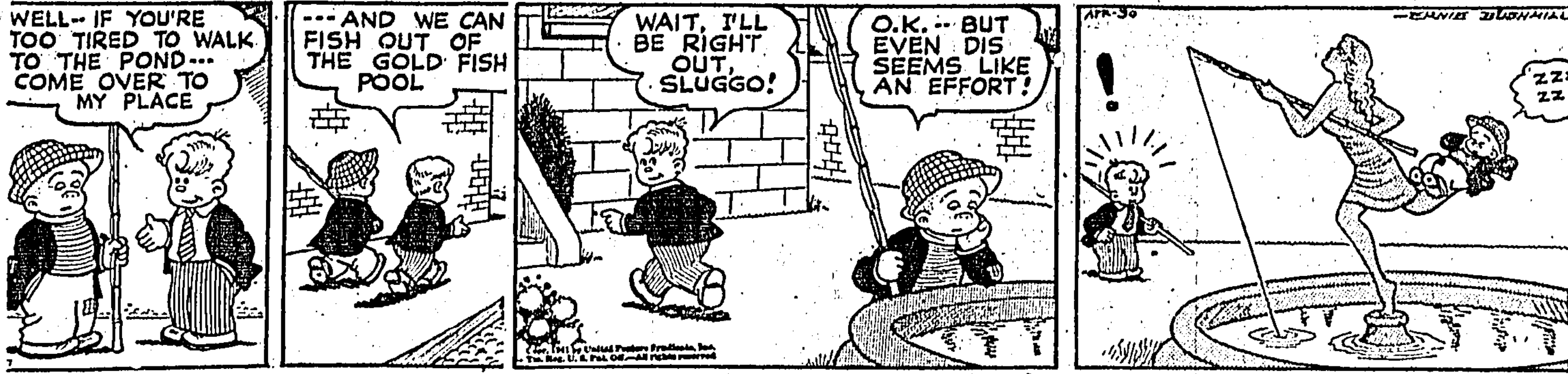
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MODELS ON VIEW



Rinks Championship game at Craigengower on Sunday. J. S. Landolt watching a wood just sent down by his skip, C. S. Rossetto, with R. Bana (behind) and J. H. Xavier (W. Ward's rink) noting its progress.—Ming Yuen.

NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

ABUSIVE SPEECH IN COMMONS

With a tolerance only possible in a democratic country the House of Commons listened recently to a violently abusive speech by Mr. McGovern (I.L.P., Shetleston) against the Home Secretary, Secretary for Scotland, and other Ministers who backed Mr. Ernest Bevin's bill to extend compulsory national service to civilian defence.

Mr. McGovern challenged the bill for conscientious objectors. He charged Mr. Morrison and Tom Johnson with being objectors in the last war and said they supported it because they were now over age.

He sneered at Miss Ellen Wilkinson for taking a £20 a week job and cried: "Why don't you join the W.A.A.F.?"

M.P.s defended her vigorously, saying she had been risking her life nightly in bombed areas, and the Speaker stopped the torrent of abuse.

Grave concern had arisen, Mr. Bevin, Labour Minister, stated, over the shortage of recruits for whole-time service in the A.F.S., first-aid parties, and the Police War Reserve.

Men now recruited compulsorily, he said, would be placed in their home towns if possible, and in other cases maintenance provision would be made.

SHARK HUNTS RAFT

Survivors of a British passenger ship sunk by a German raider in the Atlantic took to rafts and boats and fought six days for their lives. Then they sighted a Spanish liner.

In his excitement a man on one of the rafts put his leg into the water and started to paddle toward the liner. His leg was bitten off by a shark.

Recently the liner, the Cabo de Hornos, arrived at Santa Cruz, Spain, with seventy-seven survivors of the British ship.

Ten of them were wounded or sick. All had undergone great hardships. They said their vessel was sunk by the raider on March 24, 700 miles off Sierra Leone.

After three shells had hit the ship the Germans gave crew and passengers thirty minutes to abandon ship.

The Cabo de Hornos was bound from Buenos Aires when she picked up the survivors.

Joquin Rizo, her fourth officer, was stated to have particularly distinguished himself in rescue work.

Paddle Boat Bags Raider

Lorna Doone's Success

It was disclosed recently that the peace-time pleasure steamer, Lorna Doone, built as long ago as 1891, had destroyed one raider, and possibly two.

The vessel, known to thousands of holiday-makers who in peace-time crossed between Southampton and the Isle of Wight, now has the designation of "H.M. Paddle Mine-sweeper."

When she was bombed and machine-gunned by three raider 215's she attacked them with all her guns. One 'plane was seen to be on fire and losing height rapidly.

The Admiralty stated that this machine was considered to have been destroyed. A second was badly hit. The third machine made off in the haze.

Dodged Bombs

Two wounded were the only casualties in the Lorna Doone which received only superficial damage. Four large bombs were dropped, but she avoided them by sidling manoeuvring.

The Lorna Doone, which is commanded by Temp. Lt. T. W. Sherrin, R.N.V.R., is of only 410 tons gross.

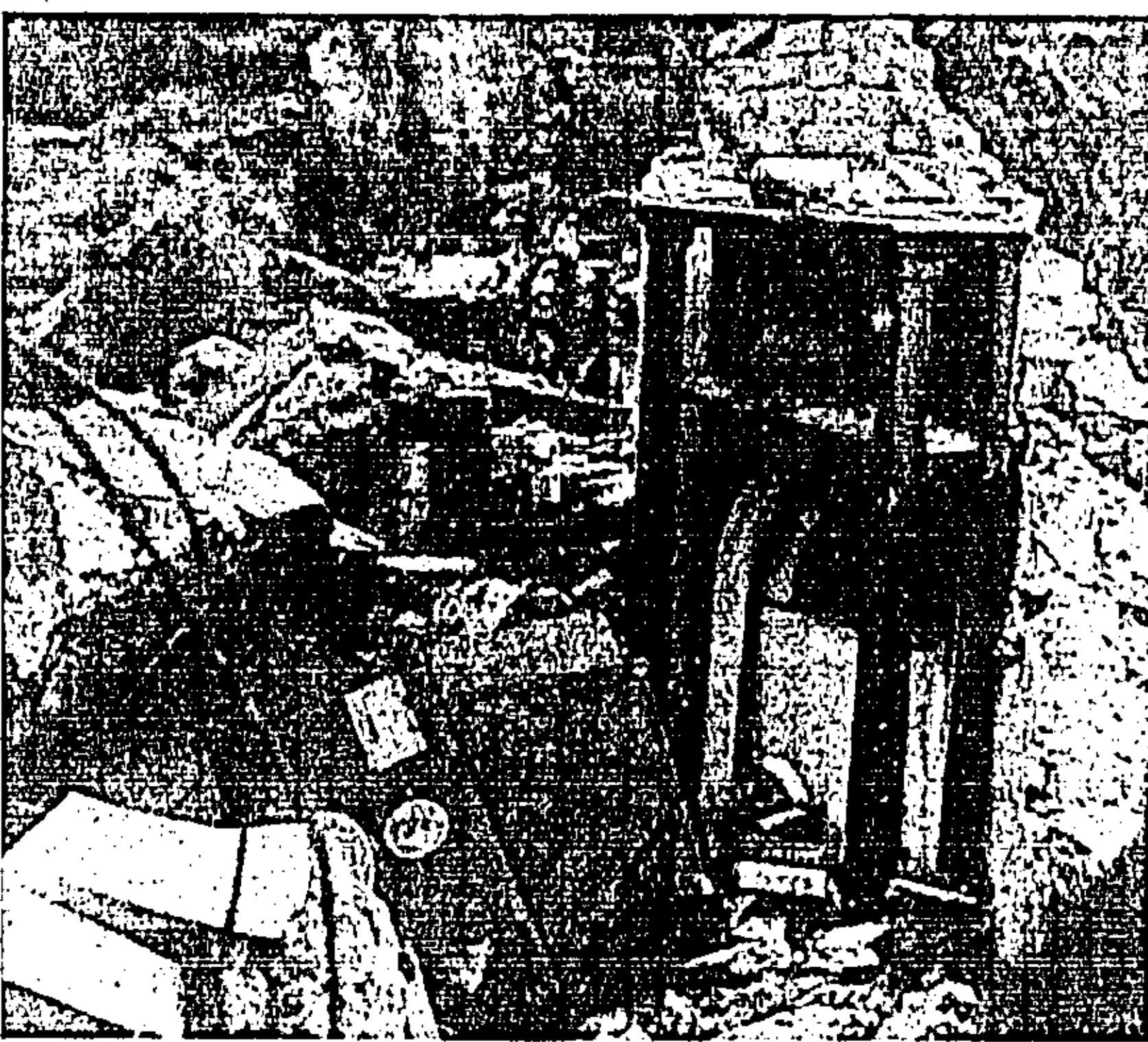
Called In Army To Shoot Elephant

Lord Tweedsmuir, son of the late Governor-General of Canada and now a colonel in the Canadian Corps headquarters in Britain, has shot an elephant "somewhere in England."

Rosie, the elephant, belonging to a local zoo, was ailing and had to be shot. The keepers appealed to the Canadian headquarters for aid.

An anti-tank rifle was prepared, but Captain Tweedsmuir decided on an ordinary Service rifle. With four shots the beast was killed.

CONDUIT ROAD EARLY MORNING LANDSLIDE



Pictures show the damage caused to the house at Conduit Road, occupied as a mess by the Japanese Consular staff, as a result of the crashing of three gigantic boulders from the hillside yesterday morning. Fortunately, there were no casualties. Top picture gives a clear idea of how the rear portion of the premises was crushed in, whilst trunks and boxes are strewn near the damaged fireplace in one of the rooms rendered wide open by the accident. (Photos: Ming Yuen).

C.O. Hero Of Fire Blitz

A conscientious objector fighting a docks fire in a London Blitz was blown off the quay with his comrades.

Their pump sank. Making his way to the other side of the docks the conscientious objector found a fire pump working by itself. The crew had been knocked out by blast.

As leading fireman he gathered his crew together. "Soon they were again fighting the flames."

Mr. John Horner, general secretary of the Fire Brigades Union, told of this incident at the South Wales and West of England Regional Conference of the A.F.S. section of the union.

No "Branding"

He refused to accept a suggestion that conscientious objectors conscripted into the A.F.S. should be "branded."

A delegate wanted the original A.F.S. men to have a "V" badge on their uniforms, like men of the R.A.F.V.R.

"Some of the conscripts," said another delegate, "think they are going to have a jam-roll job. Have we a right to refuse to work with them?"

"Don't let that spirit creep into the A.F.S.," answered Mr. Horner. "We are fighting a war for democracy. The Government has thought fit to provide for these men in law. It is not for our union to take away that right. Nor is it the wish of the T.U.C."

Mr. Horner made it clear that the policy of the organization is: "Every conscript a trade unionist."

Chaos Among Quislings

Norwegian Review

In a review of Norway's first year of war—Germany invaded the country on April 9, 1940—the Royal Norwegian Government Information Office states that Quisling has failed either to build up any following among the people or to establish a competent civil administration.

Through their refusal to co-operate, loyal Norwegians in every section of society have reduced the Quisling administration to chaos.

The chaos has been made worse "by the passive resistance of university and school authorities, State and municipal employees, judges, magistrates, doctors, farmers, fishermen, industrial workers," the review adds.

"The German army of occupation has been rendered immobile by the need for dividing it up into small garrisons in every town, village and island."

"Instead of Norway playing a useful part in the German new order, it has become a permanent source of embarrassment."

BLACKSMITHS INTO ENGINEERS

Village Smithy Transformed

A new future is opening out for the country blacksmith. He is becoming an engineer, with power-driven plant at his service. The first stage of the transformation was dictated by the war-time need of better provision for repairing farm machinery, but the effect on the blacksmith's position will be permanent. It points to a future in which the village smithy will be an engineering workshop, fully equipped for all kinds of agricultural repairs.

After the outbreak of the war the Rural Industries Bureau made a survey of blacksmiths, grading them by their estimated capacity to profit from enlarged opportunities.

Throughout England and Wales some 1,000 smiths were deemed suitable for encouragement. The evident first need was for modernized equipment. The Development Commission secured from the Treasury an initial grant of £2,000 as a Rural Industries Equipment Loan Fund, which the National Council of Social Service was asked to administer. Blacksmiths were then invited to place orders with the council for oxy-acetylene welding and cutting plant, drilling and screw-cutting machines. Nearly 300 smiths have done so, the council having first assured itself that they could make full use of the machines.

Expert tuition The need for expert tuition in the use of the machines was also apparent; it was found that some blacksmiths who already owned them were using them wrongly. The bureau is sending instructors to the smithies. To-day eight instructors are at work, and eight more could be usefully employed; progress is limited only by the ability to provide instruction quickly enough. With little more encouragement probably all the 1,000 smiths regarded as eligible would apply for the new year, for the plan has had a warm welcome everywhere. The visiting instructor gives half a day at a time to each blacksmith pupil, who receives at least 10 lessons. The smith is then examined by an independent examiner. If he passes he is awarded a certificate and is recommended

Canadian Pacific Earnings

Canadian Pacific Railway coastal and ocean-going services in spite of war losses, made a net profit of \$3,075,910 in 1940, as against a net loss of \$71,274 in the preceding year, according to a statement published in the Liverpool Journal of Commerce.

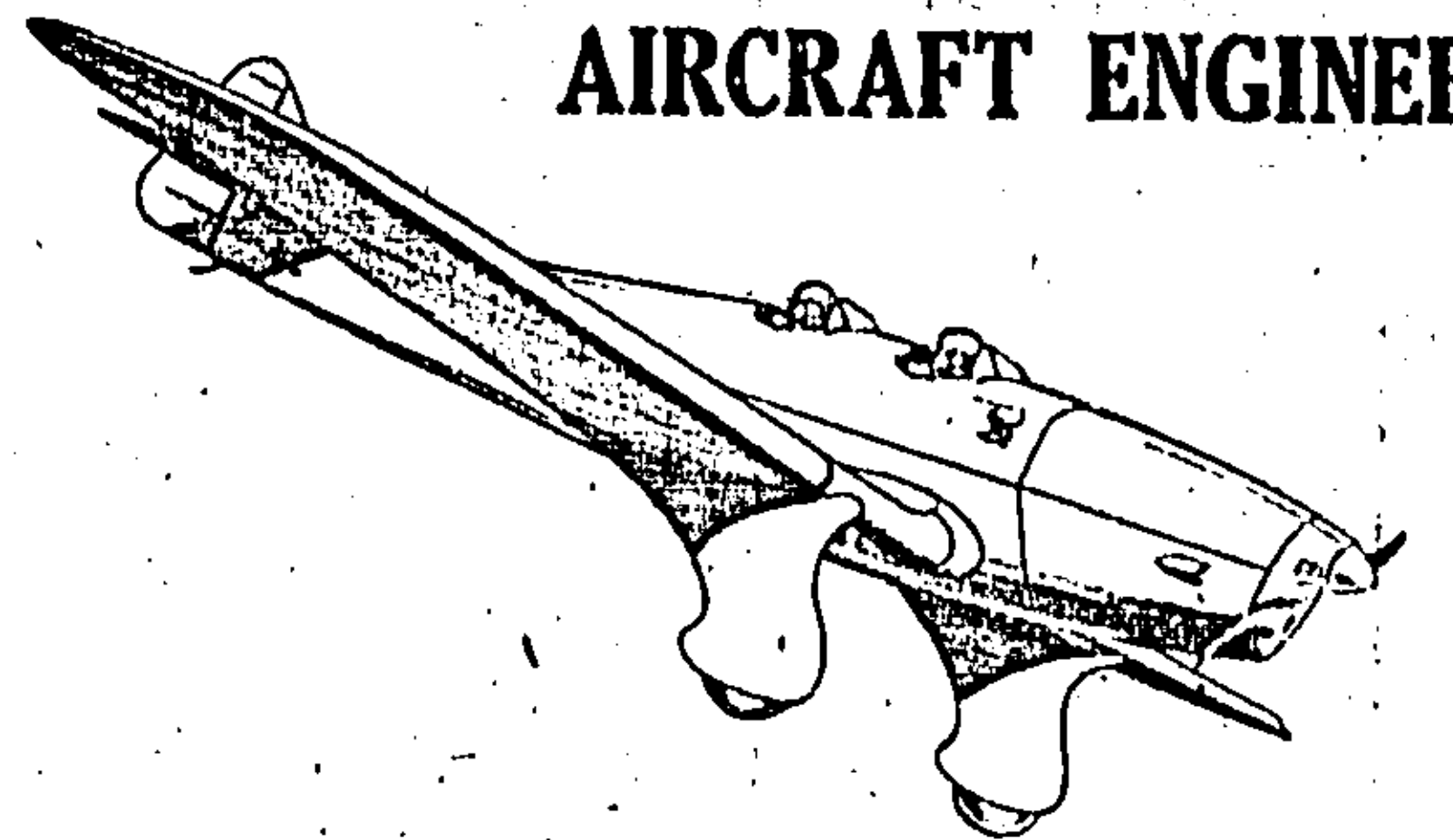
Most of the company's Atlantic fleet has been requisitioned by the British Ministry of Shipping, and the fleet was intensively used during the year.

Four of the company's ships of gross tonnage of 70,000 were destroyed by enemy action, reducing the fleet 246,072 gross tons.

The coastal fleet continued normal operations, and showed increased earnings, while the fleet suffered no important damage.

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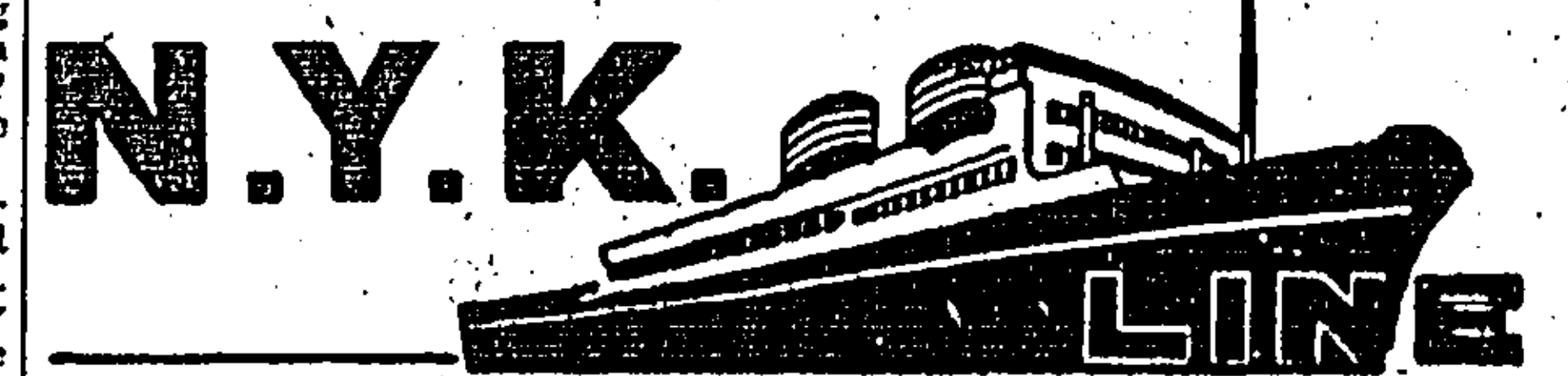
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Anti-Nazi Riot In Rome

Caused By Lack Of Bread

The University of Rome has been closed as a result of a demonstration by students recently against Germany because of a shortage of bread, reports the "New York Times."

A version that passed the censor in Rome was contained in a United Press dispatch, which reported that carabinieri had been sent to the University to disperse demonstrating students and that ten of the students had been injured in clashes before the carabinieri succeeded in clearing the campus, after which the authorities closed the University.

According to this version, the students were demonstrating against a faculty decision to hold examinations a month earlier than usual because those called to the colours must report to barracks on June 1.

The students were bitter because the advance might mean that many would fail for lack of preparation, this version said.

King Leopold: Is He Dead?

Neutral countries in Europe are asking, "Is King Leopold of the Belgians dead?"

He has not been seen since four months ago when he refused to sign documents giving the Germans possession of the Belgian Congo.

Then he was living at his country palace at Laeken. Life became unpleasant for him.

He was taken to an apartment in Brussels Palace, now Goering's Belgian headquarters.

The question now being asked throughout Belgium is: Has the King been taken to Germany? Rumour says he is to be held in a fortress there until he changes his mind.

Arrangements were made for the escape of Leopold's two children, disguised as peasants, to unoccupied France. There they are now staying with friends.

A Harvest Of Fun—Making Hay Out Of Rudolf Hess

Columnists, cartoonists and radio broadcasters are making hay out of the Hess affair, with a whirl of puns, epigrams and caricatures in London.

Very bright is the "Daily Express" cartoon which shows a family listening-in to the B.B.C.

The announcer is saying, "Here's a Jew, and this is E. Phillips Oppenheim reading it."

One quip suggests that there may be too much "Hesspruit de Corps" about the Nazi Party—even for some Nazis.

The "Daily Mail" diarist, Charles Grayes, says the Foreign Office's new signature tune is, "Hess, Sir, that's my baby."

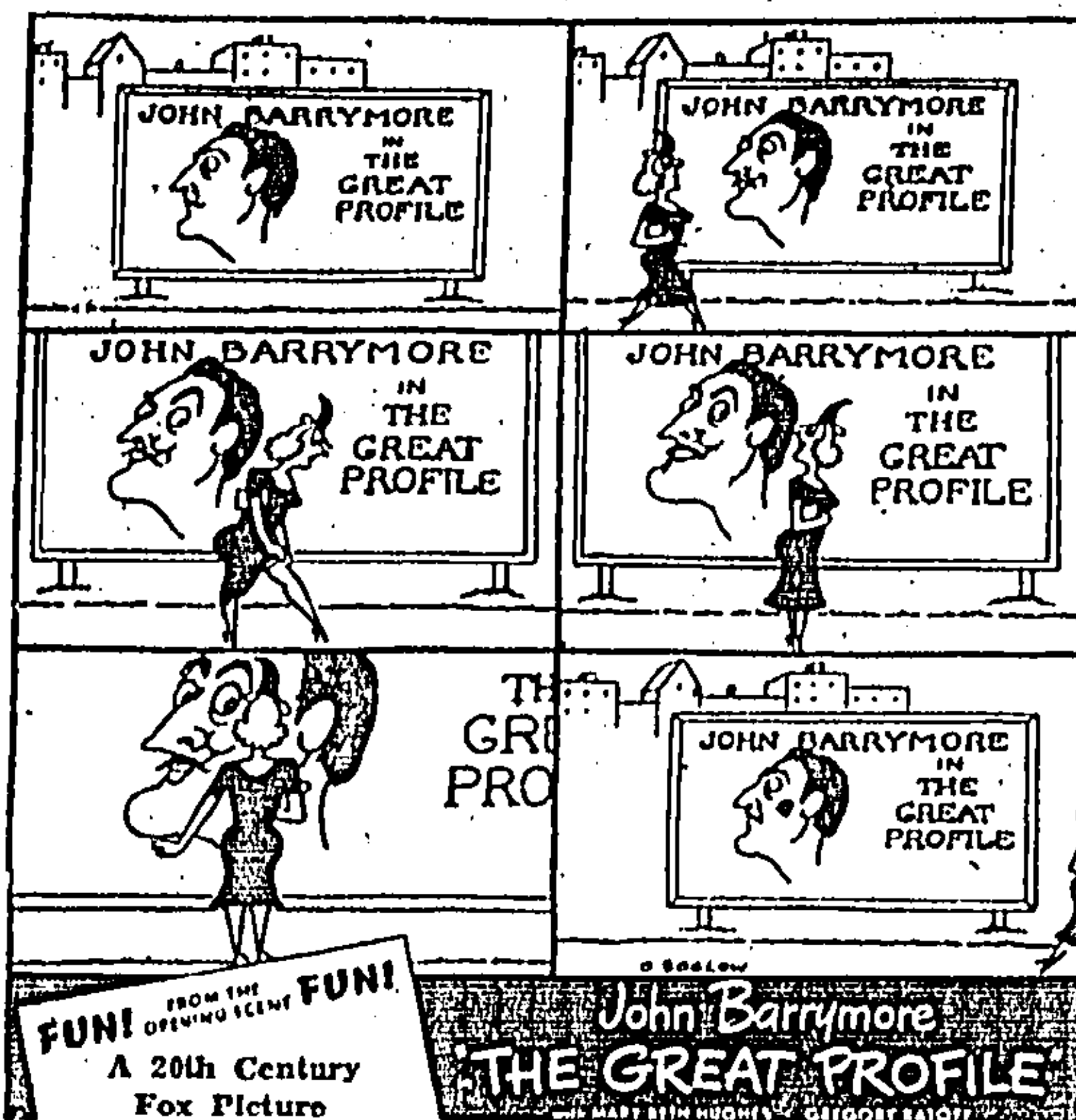
"Daily Express" columnist, William Hickey, says, "Your Hess is as good as mine, but I suggest that Hess is ill, and had to come here to see a good German doctor."

David Low, who always portrays Hitler with a fatuous unctuous expression, is at his best with a cartoon showing a group of demented Nazi leaders in an asylum cell.

They are gazing at an open window, through which Hess has disappeared, and Hitler is saying, "The fellow must have been mad!"

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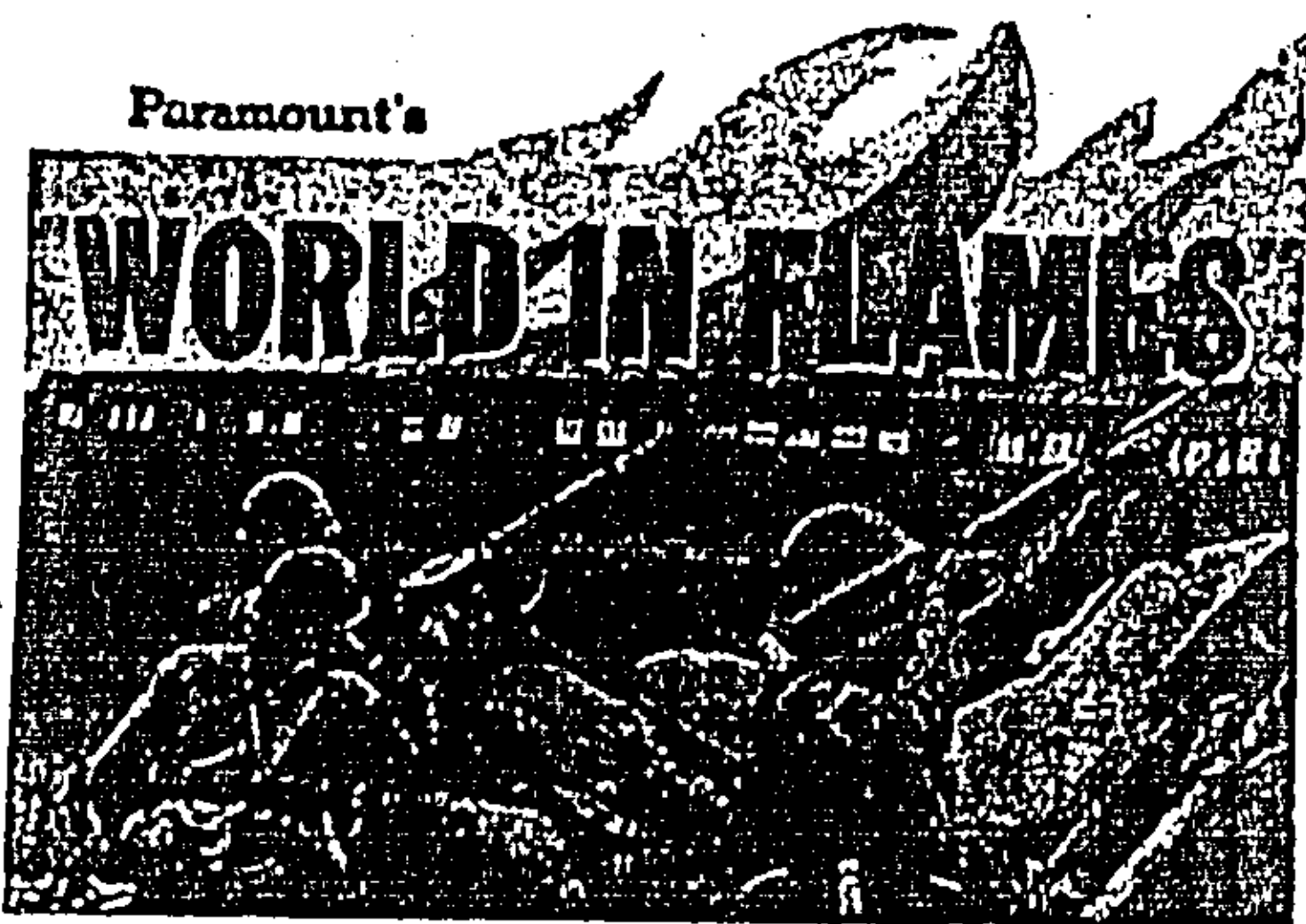
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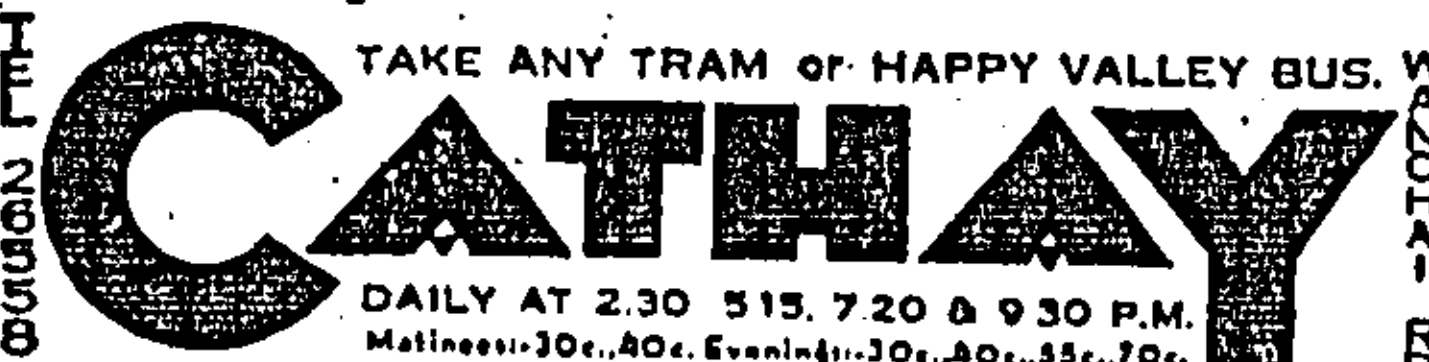
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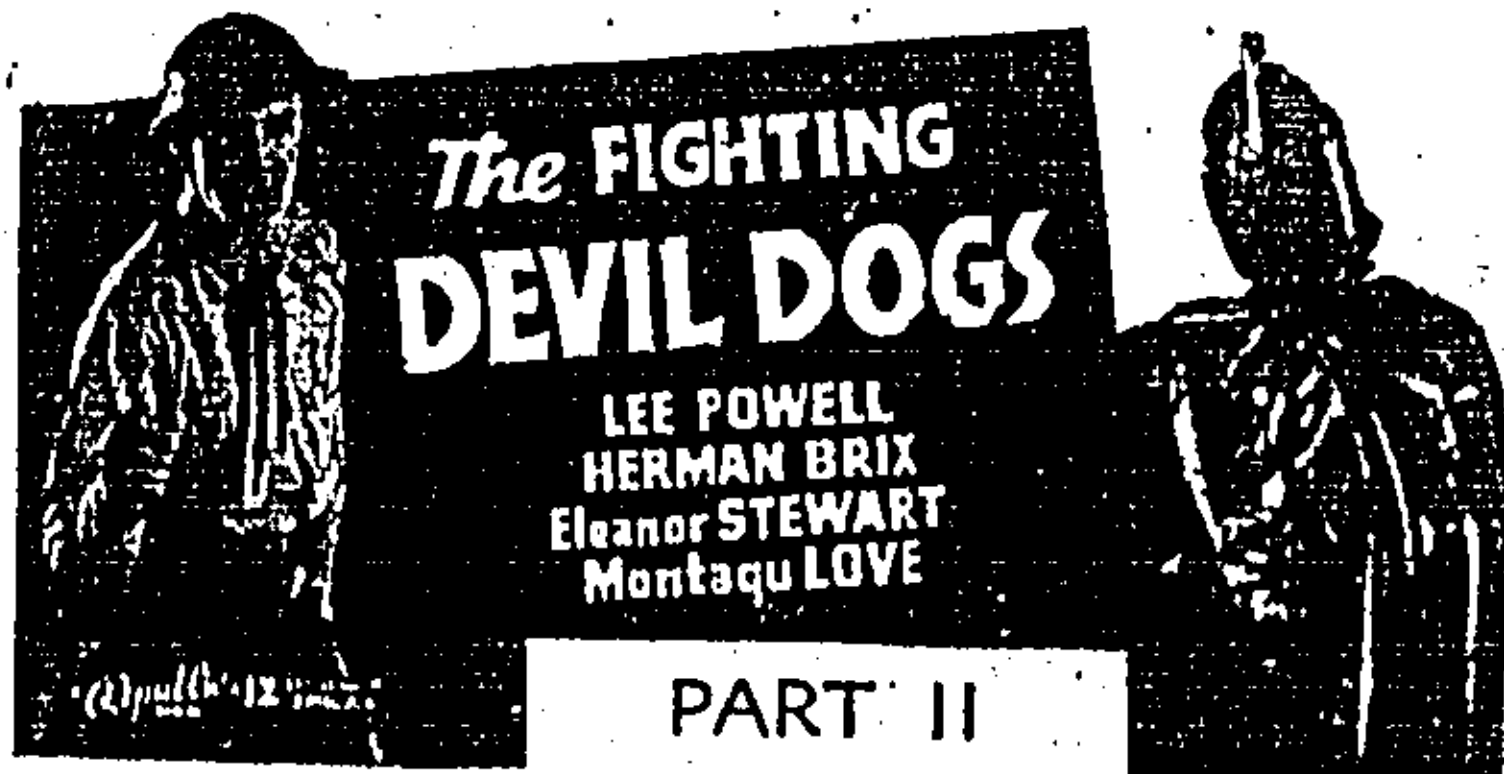
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TURKEY SIGNS WITH GERMANY

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deprived her of her principal source of war material.

Limited Scope

In these circumstances, it is not surprising that the Turks have finally entered into an agreement of limited scope with Germany. It is very much to their credit that they resisted German pressure to break their commitments with Great Britain, or to agree to any infringement of Turkish sovereign rights, such as allowing German troops the right of passage through Turkey.

Turkey has not only preserved her present state of non-involvement in war, but while maintaining her sovereign and territorial integrity has shown her determination to remain faithful to the spirit of good-will and friendship implicit in the Anglo-Turkish Treaty of Alliance.

The new treaty specifically makes reservation in respect of Turkey's previous commitments. It may be assumed that Germany will exaggerate the significance of the new agreement and attempt to exploit it as part of the nerve war upon Russia, but it will not destroy Turkey's friendship with Britain, nor involve Turkey in any course that would embarrass Great Britain.

British authorities throughout have been kept informed of the progress of negotiations.

Sarajoglu Explains

LONDON, June 18 (Reuter).—"The actual and existing obligations of the two parties are unaffected," declared the Turkish Foreign Minister, M. Sarajoglu, in a statement to the Press on the German-Turkish Treaty quoted by the Ankara radio, which broke into its normal programme at 11 p.m. to give the text of the Treaty and M. Sarajoglu's comments.

Declaring that Turkey and Germany "confirmed for the future that the two countries will not oppose one another in any way," M. Sarajoglu said, "Turkey and Germany have never been in opposition in the course of the vicissitudes of world events for centuries. Those mutual relations, which have always been clear and correct, have in the treaty laid the foundation of their friendship on a most solid basis."

M. Sarajoglu expressed "pleasure" in announcing the signing of the Treaty and referred to the "very special efforts that my friend Von Papen, who knows my country well, has made to bring about this result." "Finally I express the wish that the publications of the Press and radio of our countries should be made in the spirit of friendship and mutual trust which characterises the relations between Germany and Turkey."

Economic Treaty

BERLIN, June 18 (Reuter).—Simultaneously with the signing of the Turkish-German Treaty, identical notes were exchanged between the two countries saying that the Governments were prepared to promote as far as possible economic relations between Germany and Turkey.

The notes add, "bearing in mind the openings presented by the economic structure of the two countries and using as a basis the experience each country has had of the other in war, the two countries will forthwith enter into negotiations to establish a treaty basis for carrying out this agreement."

Free French Reach Damascus Suburbs

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a fine job of work, particularly in the coastal sector.

Kuneitra Recaptured

JERUSALEM, June 18 (Reuter).—It is authoritatively stated that the Allies have recaptured Kuneitra.

Darlan's Appeal

VICHY, June 18 (UP).—Admiral Darlan, the Vice Premier, in a radio speech addressed to the de Gaulle troops fighting in Syria, offered amnesty if they desert the British, cross the lines and surrender to General Dentz, but added that there would be no amnesty for officers, who would be punished if they were caught.

The Admiral reiterated that there are no Germans or Italians fighting in Syria, where he invited General de Gaulle to cease fighting against Frenchmen.

Allied Occupations

LONDON, June 18 (Reuter).—Free French and British troops have occupied all fortified positions to the east and west of Kfewe, 12 miles south of Damascus, says a communique from Free French Headquarters in the Middle East, carried from Jerusalem by the independent French Agency.

Beirut Bombed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BEIRUT, June 18 (UP).—On Tuesday night Beirut had three bombings in which six civilians were killed and twenty wounded.

LATE NEWS



IRAQ SOLDIERS—This is the type of Iraq soldiers who recently were defeated by British forces after a short-lived campaign engineered by Rashid Ali and his Nazi helpers.

'Times' Suggest Gambia Base For U.S. Fleet

LONDON, June 18 (Reuter).—Commenting on the United States measures against German agencies and funds, "The Times" writes, in an editorial: "Everyone familiar with the kind of activity which Germans living abroad are expected to engage in under the direction of the Nazi organisation run by Herr Bohle, will understand why the United States Government felt compelled to terminate the long-standing abuse of American hospitality."

After recalling the circumstances of the sinking of the Robin Moor, "The Times" continues: "In addition to these plain facts, the American Government now have reason to believe that the whole affair has been carefully planned—the approximate point of attack, and the sort of vessel to be attacked being chosen to make the greatest possible impression in the South American countries."

Remarking that verbal protests and arguments based on International Law were "ineffective means of dealing with pirates," the paper mentions the suggestion that American merchant ships be armed, adding: "It is also reported that negotiations are in progress for the construction of air bases on the coast of Brazil, for which credits would be advanced by the United States and which will be available for the use of the American air force."

Vital Communications

"The Robin Moor was sunk in the waist of the Atlantic, about half-way between Dakar and Pernambuco. It is a vital area for United States communications with South America, South Africa and East Africa."

"The Times" suggests that while a base on the Brazilian side would be useful, its usefulness would be more than doubled if supplemented by a base in West Africa. Sites in British Gambia, not more than a day's motor run from Dakar could be made available to the United States—an analogy of the West Indian bases.

Background Of Our Offensive In Libya

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been slow owing more to political considerations than to any military weakness of the British. We do not wish to throw our superior forces ruthlessly and violently on to so many French soldiers who are truly our Allies and whose own countrymen are marching with us.

Catroux Govt.

There will be much less bitterness among the Frenchmen in Syria when General Georges Catroux has established his anti-Vichy and anti-Nazi Government there. Nevertheless, it is important, now that General Wavell has started the offensive in Libya, not to waste time nor to allow too many British military reserves to be locked up in Syria.

With this object in view, it is conceivable that the subsidiary advance from Iraq, which is moving in two columns along the Valley of the Euphrates, will be speeded up.

These columns are apparently meeting with little opposition, possibly because enemy troops are engaged in the south trying to delay the British advance on Beirut and Damascus.

Aleppo Is Vital

Full advantage should be taken of this fact. The capture of Aleppo, in the rear of the Vichy forces might be applied in all these operations.

Titanic Battle Raging In Desert

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strategically almost as important as Capuzzo.

Now A Local Action

CAIRO, June 18 (Reuter).—The battle was still raging fiercely to-day in the triangle east of Halfaya (Hellfire) Pass, according to the latest reports received here from the front. Amid the wrecks of tanks, which have been knocked out, armoured giants continue to belabour each other with shells.

Military circles in Cairo emphasise that this continues to be a local action aimed only at securing the high ground at the top of the Pass. This area resembles the observation posts so bitterly contested in the last war. Possession of it is not vital but is of considerable advantage to whichever side which holds it.

Cairo Communique

CAIRO, June 18 (UP).—To-day's general headquarters communique stated, "After we had repulsed several attacks, the enemy brought up fresh forces and attempted an encircling movement against our forward troops. As we had accomplished our objects in forcing him to disclose his strength, and inflicted heavy casualties, we withdrew slowly to our forward positions. We brought back several hundred German prisoners and destroyed a large number of tanks and guns."

Rome Version

ROME, June 18 (UP).—An official communique issued late to-night at Sollum states that British troops carried out a double-barrelled action against the Italian-German front line at Sollum by means of two columns which the Axis forces succeeded in encircling and wiping out with heavy losses on both sides. The communique says that the first British column was between Sidi Omar and Ghirba and the second was in the desert zone between Fort Capuzzo and northern Sollum.

Japan's Diplomatic Failure

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MANILA, June 19 (UP).—The American owned "Manila Bulletin" in an editorial to-day, states that the rejection of the Japanese demands by the Netherlands East Indies represented a failure in the opening drive of the diplomatic phase of Japan's southern offensive.

It suggested that Japanese hesitation is due to Britain's continued resistance and also the determined attitude of the United States.

bring about an immediate cessation of hostilities.

It can be noted with satisfaction that close co-operation of the British Navy and Air Force is being fully applied in all these operations.

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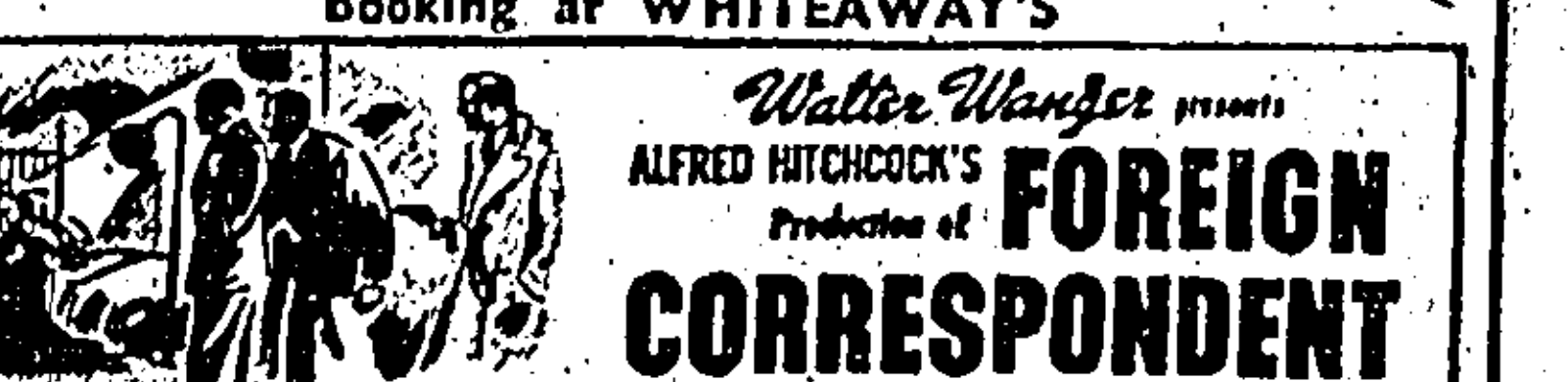
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Titanic Battle Raging In Desert

(BY "REUTER" CORRESPONDENT WITH ADVANCED BRITISH FORCES IN THE WESTERN DESERT)

CAIRO, June 18.—A battle began in the Western Desert on Sunday which may prove the greatest of the Libyan campaign. Precisely at dawn, British and Indian forces advanced on Hellfire Pass, Capuzzo and Sollum from four different directions.

A small armoured force followed the coast road, infantry supported by tanks and artillery spread across the plain extending from the sea to the escarpment, a famous English and another Scottish regiment attacked along the escarpment itself and an armoured division made a wide sweep out into the desert with the audacious intention of attacking Sollum from the west and taking the Germans in the rear.

On Saturday evening a British Brigadier outlined to me the plan of attack for each of the four columns. With a walling stick, he drew in the sand the routes to be taken, the obstacles to be encountered and the enemy's probable strength.

"May Be Decisive Scrap"

Quietly confident and enthusiastic, the Brigadier concluded: "It is going to be a great scrap. It may be a decisive scrap."

Advancing from the rear on Saturday morning, we threaded our way through long lines of motorised transport, artillery and Bren gun carriers.

The German air force was strangely absent and we arrived within five miles of Hellfire Pass before the patrolling Hurricanes were challenged. Then began a series of hair-raising aerial dogfights which continued all day.

Advancing to within some two miles of Hellfire Pass down the central

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LATEST SYRIA FIGHTING, LATEST

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CAIRO, June 18 (UP).—Well informed military circles stated today that during the last 48 hours, there has been intensive fighting in the Sollum-Capuzzo-Halfaya triangle and as far as Sidon Omar. The fighting has now died down.

In the Damascus sector, the British are almost through the foothills south of the city and are on the Damascus-Kiwee road. On the coast the Allies are 45 miles north of Sidon and little resistance is being encountered. More British troops have been sent to Syria.

According to unofficial R.A.F. sources, the R.A.F. delivered a terrific blow to the enemy on Wednesday in one hour when eight Hurricanes shot down at least seven Stukas which were attempting to attack the British position. The Germans had at least six heavy bombers, twelve dive bombers, and a number of fighters engaged in this operation.

See Back Page For Further Late News

Rumours of Nazi Invasion Of Russia Discounted

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, June 18 (UP).—Authoritative quarters said today that there was no confirmation obtainable in London regarding reports that Rumania or Germany had launched military operations against Russia, or presented any ultimatum.

They added that rumours to such effect have been current since early on Tuesday and for the most part had their origin in unconfirmed rumours circulating in Ankara and Istanbul.

The fact that rumours have been circulating continuously in Turkey during the last 17 hours and not a word of confirmation has been received from any part of the world

IMMIGRATION COMMISSION'S STRICTURES ON MR FORREST

Govt Blamed and Departments Criticised

THAT MR R. A. D. FORREST, FORMERLY IMMIGRATION OFFICER, HAD BEEN GUILTY OF TWO MAJOR FAULTS AND ONE MINOR, AND THAT HE HAD PROVED HIMSELF UNFIT FOR THE POSITION OF HEAD OF THE IMMIGRATION OFFICE, OR ANY OTHER DEPARTMENT, WERE AMONG THE PRINCIPAL CONCLUSIONS REACHED BY THE COMMISSION INQUIRING INTO THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT, WHOSE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS WERE LAID BEFORE THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL THIS AFTERNOON.

THE COMMISSION RECOMMENDED THAT GOVERNMENT GIVE THE UTMOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO THE QUESTION OF HIS RETENTION IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE.

It was found that Mr Forrest's two major faults were his failure to institute a proper financial system and his disobedience to the instructions of the Governor in Council. With regard to the first of these the Commission held the opinion that Mr Forrest was not in himself to blame; but rather the Government who appointed him Immigration Officer in view of his lack of business knowledge and administrative and organising abilities. For his second fault, declared the report, no excuse could be found.

DISCOURTESY AND LACK OF TACT

His minor fault was discourtesy and lack of tact. This was regarded as a minor matter because the Commission were convinced that Mr Forrest is normally a most courteous and polite man, that in very many of his dealings with the public as Immigration Officer he displayed his usual politeness, patience and consideration, and that it was only occasionally, and then, in part at least, because of ill-health and over-work, that he lost his temper and transgressed.

Enemy Shipping Losses

LONDON, June 18 (Reuter).

An authorised review of enemy shipping losses during the week ending June 15 shows that over 40 separate and successful attacks were made by sea and air forces and that at least 28 ships were severely damaged, 14 of which were known to be total losses.

In addition, pilots who raided Benghazi harbour on six nights and one day report that seaplanes and merchant ships were sunk there during previous raids.

After mentioning a successful attack on one of the two remaining German pocket battleships, the review says that six supply ships and one armoured trawler destined to be available for the Bismarck and Prinz Eugen were sunk.

Submarines in the Mediterranean accounted for an 8,000-ton tanker, an Italian armed cruiser with two schooners she was escorting, an Italian armed merchant cruiser in Benghazi harbour and two schooners in Mytilene harbour.

Another Success

LONDON, June 18 (British Wireless).—A German supply ship of 1,500 tons was bombed and hit by a Coastal Command aircraft off Brest today.

Making two attacks, the pilot flew over the ship and dropped a quick stick of bombs. He saw two bombs hit the ship amidst.

Immediately afterwards a great gush of steam belched from the funnel as though the bombs had exploded in the engine room.

DEPARTMENTS CRITICISED

The Commission strongly criticised the unhelpful attitude of the Treasury and the Secretariat towards Mr Forrest and his department, declaring they were not convinced with Mr Pudney's argument that because he had no disciplinary powers over other departments he was powerless to intervene.

Finally the Commission recommended to the Governor the initiation of an innovation in the government of the Colony whereby an officer is charged with the duty of seeing that orders are punctually and effectively carried out; in such an event, Secretariat files would cease to be, as are so many of those the Commission had had to read, a mere record of calamity on calamity.

Principal excerpts from the Commission's report and the text of the recommendations follow:

Terms of Reference

The Commission's terms of reference were:

A. To inquire into and report on (1) the manner in which the Immigration Department has been administered since its inception; (2) the manner in which its staff has been assembled and the suitability of those appointed or recruited; (3) the adequacy or otherwise of the financial system instituted in it; (4) the agency system instituted by it; (5) the treatment accorded to, and the facilities afforded to, the public (whether as individuals or institutions) with which the department and its personnel have been brought into contact.

B. To receive oral and written evidence upon the foregoing matters.

C. To ascertain and report on whether there has been any avoidable lack of efficiency, judgment or fact in relation to the matters comprised in paragraph A.

Financial System

After a brief historical introduction, the Report deals first with the "adequacy or otherwise of the financial system instituted in the Immigration Department," and states: "It must have been manifest to anyone that the application of a system of control on immigration by means of the issue of approved applicants of permits against payment of fees must involve at least a simple system of book-keeping and the co-ordination of accounts. It must have been equally obvious to anyone with experience of the Government system of accounting that, inasmuch as the Department handled large numbers of audit-numbered documents, registers would be required to ensure that the movements of these documents were recorded and their safe custody thereby ensured."

There is nothing in the requirements of the approved system of immigration control that calls for any involved system of accounting. In these circumstances Mr Forrest's attitude to this most essential form of financial control is to us incomprehensible. On 31st October Mr A. J. C. Taylor of the Accountant General's office intimated to Mr Forrest giving details of the various simple books and registers which he recommended.

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Future Of The World

Sir Victor Sassoon Outlines Need

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LOS ANGELES, June 18 (UP).—Sir Victor Sassoon arrived here today enroute to Shanghai and declared that a world federation of democracies is needed, with England, Australia and Canada becoming a part of the United States.

"There is no other way to halt Hitler," he asserted. "The United States needs England, Australia and Canada to consume the exports from the South America. Moreover, the United States must help consume those exports to keep South America as an ally."

He said that he approached the problem from a business man's viewpoint, adding "It is now so obvious to business men of the world that a federal alliance with England is necessary that it hardly bears discussion. England must come into the democracy of the United States with full right to Statehood. It is also obvious that such an arrangement would mean that England would relinquish her traditions, institutions and Government."

Thailand's Place In New Order

TOKYO, June 19 (Reuter).—The Japanese Army organ "Kokumin," urges the Government to conclude a military alliance with Thailand as the first step toward the further strengthening and prosperity of East Asia.

Citing the importance of Thailand's geographical position in southern East Asia, the "Kokumin" asserted: "The fate of Thailand would seriously affect the security of Indo-China as well as the security of the whole South China and its adjacent waters."

Turkey Signs A Friendship Agreement With Germany

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, June 18 (UP).—It is officially announced in Berlin that Germany and Turkey have concluded a friendship pact.

The pact which is effective immediately is for a period of ten years and provides that each respect the other's territory and that in the future, contact with each other on all questions of mutual interest will be made in a friendly manner. They have jointly declared to cease all hostile press, and radio propaganda, and have also signed a declaration announcing and providing for an extension of the pact and the intensification of Turko-German economic relations.

The announcement regarding the pact stated that the "two nations were inspired by a desire to place relations on a basis of mutual confidence and sincere friendship and had agreed without prejudice to the present obligations of both countries to conclude the treaty."

Neither country will take any measure "aimed directly or indirectly against the other contracting party." It was officially announced that the German Ambassador, Colonel von Papen and M. Sarajoglu, the Turkish Foreign Minister, signed the pact at Ankara at nine p.m. to-night.

Text of Treaty

"Reuter" adds that the text of the Turkish-German Treaty of Friendship, signed at Ankara, consists of three articles which state: (1) Germany and Turkey bind themselves mutually to respect the integrity and inviolability of their national territory and not to resort to any measures direct or indirect against their treaty partner. (2) Germany and Turkey bind themselves in future in all questions touching their common interests to have friendly contact with each other, in order to reach an understanding in the treatment of such questions. (3) This article provides for ratification which will be exchanged in Berlin.

The Treaty is valid for ten years with the possibility of prolongation.

Why Turks Gave In

(BY "REUTER" DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT)

LONDON, June 18 (Reuter).—Ever since Yugoslavia and Greece were overwhelmed by Nazi forces, Turkey has been subjected to ever-increasing pressure to bring her into line with the Axis.

Not only has the German occupation of the Aegean Islands exposed Turkey to the menace of attack where her defences are weakest, but she has had little support or encouragement from her nearest neighbour with whom her ties have been the closest.

Turkey has also suffered severely by the defection of France which deprived her of her principal source of war material.

Limited Scope

In these circumstances, it is not surprising that the Turks have finally entered into an agreement of limited scope with Germany. It is very much to their credit that they resisted German pressure to break their commitments with Great Britain or to agree to any infringement of Turkish sovereign rights, such as TURN to Back Page, Column 3

Experts' Reaction To Nazi-Turkish Treaty

By FREDERICK KUH

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, June 18 (UP).—A canvass of foreign diplomats and responsible Britons today produced a verdict that the German, Turkish and Russian relations are reported to be wavering. Observers in London take a graver view of the German-Soviet tension. Some suggest that Hitler has delayed the presentation of his sweeping demands on Moscow until he has at least neutralised Turkey and weakened Turko-Soviet friendship, while drawing the Turks closer politically to Germany.

While British comment insists that the pact leaves the Turko-British alliance in full operation, and adds that Ankara's forthcoming official announcement will confirm this, foreign diplomats expressed the view that the pact marks the beginning of Germany's eclipse of Britain's influence in Turkey.

They say that the pact corresponds with the new strategic position in the Eastern Mediterranean; hence, Germany after conquering the Balkans, Crete and the Dodecanese, made the Turkish maritime approach unsafe for the British navy and air force.

London Opinion

It is believed in London that Turkey has not agreed to allow German troops or war materials TURN to Back Page, Column 4

ULTIMATUM TO DENTZ

LONDON, June 18 (Reuter).

A final warning to the French Commissioner at Damascus, General Dentz, to capitulate, failing which an Allied attack on Damascus would begin at 5.30 a.m. on Thursday morning was made by the radio from Jerusalem by the British Commander, General Sir Maitland Wilson.

The radio added that Vichy would be responsible for bloodshed. Whether the French capitulated or not, General Wilson promised that he would start the occupation of Damascus at dawn on Thursday.

Free French Reach Suburbs of Damascus

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, June 18 (UP).—A despatch to the "Exchange Telegraph" from Jerusalem to-night states that the Free French troops reached the western suburbs of Damascus this evening. Vichy troops are delaying the fall of the city by shelling the roads.

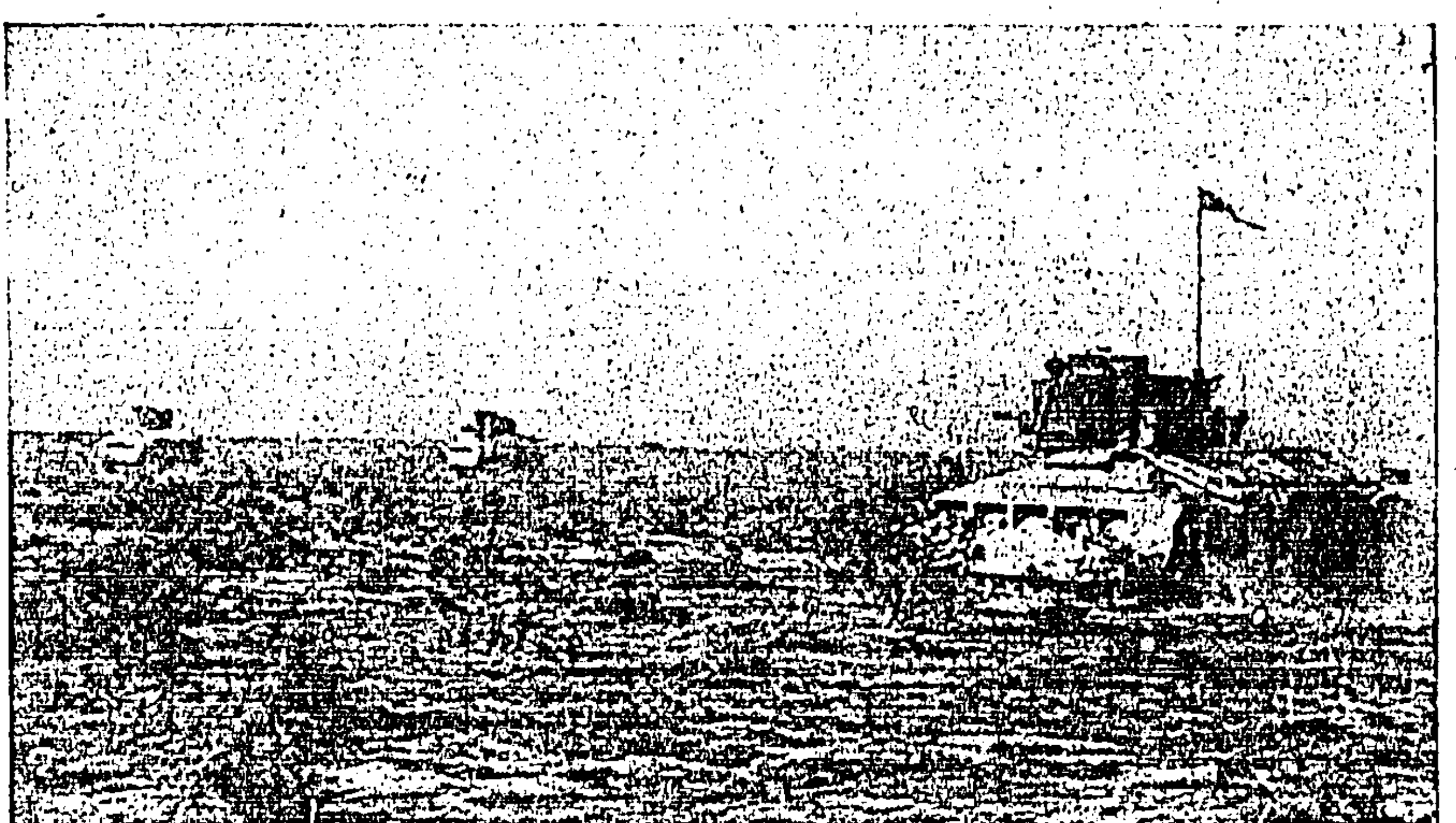
Satisfactory Position

CAIRO, June 18 (Reuter).—The position in Syria is considered satisfactory in circles usually well-informed.

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Our Tanks In The Desert

Heavy British tanks are now engaged in a furious battle in the Western Desert with Axis armoured vehicles. This picture, taken during General Wavell's first offensive, shows British tanks in action in the desert.



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N. Y. Yankees Defeated Again

NEW YORK, June 18 (UP).—New York Yankees suffered defeat again to-day losing to Chicago White Sox 3-2 in the American League.

AMERICAN LEAGUE		
Chicago	3	2
Batteries: Lee, G. Dickey	2	10
Cleveland	14	17
Batteries: Chandler, Hoar	2	4
Philadelphia	2	2
Batteries: McCullough, E. Hayes	6	11
Boston	2	0
Batteries: Rowe, Tebbetts	2	0
The Washington-St. Louis game will be played tonight.		
NATIONAL LEAGUE		
Philadelphia	3	0
Batteries: Blanton, Pearson, Livingston	7	0
St. Louis	1	5
Batteries: Carter, Mancuso	1	5
Brocklyn	1	5
Batteries: Hamlin, Kimball, Tammitt	0	0
Chicago	5	0
Batteries: Olson, Hooten	5	0
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1.—The Competition is open to all photographers.

2.—The entries awarded the first and second prizes for the best and second best pictures in the Competition, will not be entitled to any other prizes.

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4.—The right to publish any or all of the entries is reserved to the Hongkong Telegraph.

5.—All photographs entered must have been taken in the Colony of Hongkong. Photographs which have been already entered in other Competitions are ineligible.

6.—No responsibility will be accepted for non-delivery of, loss of, or damage to entries.

7.—All entries to be either black and white or tinted pictures, and must be mounted. Coloured photographs are ineligible.

8.—Pictures submitted in sepia tones should be accompanied by a smaller print in black and white.

9.—No picture to be entered in more than one Section.

10.—Mounts to be only white or cream.

11.—No correspondence will be entered into in connection with the Competition.

12.—Members of the Staffs of the Hongkong Telegraph and the South China Morning Post are not permitted to compete.

13.—The decision of the Judges shall be final.

14.—At the conclusion of the Competition, entries will be returned to competitors on application at the Telegraph offices within seven days.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Nineteenth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at Exchange Building, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, 21st June, 1941, at ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M. The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 10th June to 21st June, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

A. W. BROWN,

Manager.

Hong Kong, 3rd June, 1941.

THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE LIMITED

Notice to Shareholders

The Sixtieth Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Wednesday, the 25th June, 1941, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1940.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 11th June to the 25th June, 1941, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,

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Hong Kong, 4th June, 1941.

THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

THE SIXTIETH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Thursday, 10th July, 1941, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 3rd July to the 24th July inclusive.

By order of the Board,

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,

General Managers.

Hong Kong, 14th May, 1941.

NOTICE

This will serve to inform all concerned that information has been received from our Principals that the steamers

President Taft	v-85
President Cleveland	v-87
President Coolidge	v-58
President Pierce	v-79
President Jackson	v-73
President Hayes	v-2
President Adams	v-1

will be delivered to the United States Maritime Commission on completion of their present voyages.

This advertisement will suffice to serve notice that all subsequent voyages of the above-named steamers are cancelled on termination of their current voyages. All passages and cargo booked for such subsequent voyages are hereby cancelled. All passengers and shippers are invited to apply at this office for further information relative to space.

From the foregoing it will be realized that, of the above-mentioned steamers, the "President Pierce" v-79 will be the last sailing under the old schedule. A new schedule covering the routes and sailing dates of our remaining steamers will be available to the public in a few days.

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NOTICE

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The following rates will be charged for mailing single copies of the following newspapers abroad:

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British Empire and Foreign	25 cents per copy	
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British and Foreign	20 cents per copy	
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G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 23rd day of June, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at To Kwa Wan, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

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THEFT FROM DOCKYARD

A fairly well-dressed storehouse man employed at the Aberdeen Naval Base, Albert Ronald Hartman, 30, appeared before Mr. A. N. MacIndey at Central Magistrate's Court on Thursday, 10th June, 1941, charged with stealing four gallons of linseed oil, valued \$14, the property of the Naval Authorities, in Queen's Road East, about 4.30 p.m. yesterday.

Defendant was fined \$10 or in default one month's hard labour. Det.-Sgt. J. Bentley, assisted by Sgt. R. Mackenzie, prosecuted.

Majesties Visit Tyneside

LONDON, June 18 (British Wireless).—Their Majesties the King and Queen spent seven hours to-day touring shipbuilding yards at Tyneside.

They saw every type of ship being constructed. T.U.C. leaders told their Majesties that there were no labour troubles of any kind at the yards which were working to the utmost capacity.

Colonial Trade With Americas

LONDON, June 18 (Reuter).—Questioned in the House of Commons to-day about the development of trade with the United States and South America for colonial products, Mr. G. H. Hall, declared that colonial exports to America, especially the United States, were encouraged by all practicable means.

The possibility of increased exports of a number of commodities was already discussed with the United States authorities, and a Colonial Office official was recently to Washington specially to continue the discussions.

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Loss Of Crete Debated In Lords Members Told Of Brighter Side

LONDON, June 18 (Reuter).—The debate on Crete in the House of Lords was initiated by Lord Addison who dwelt particularly upon the defence of aerodromes in which, he declared, there is a division of responsibility.

If the higher direction on that matter was responsible for the defeat in Crete, we should not run similar risks in our home defence.

Lord Addison said that he was himself responsible in March and April this year for bringing to the notice of the War Office and the Air Ministry a very serious memorandum on the subject, but nothing happened.

Lord Addison argued that the reason why this vital matter was not apprehended adequately is because not enough play has been given at the top to brains.

Vincent Massey (Lib.) found much cause for gratification. Alluding to a number of important occurrences in which Hitler has failed, Lord Samuel quoted the phrase by Carlyle: "You may paint with a very big brush and yet not be a great painter."

Spain Still Neutral. He referred to Iraq and to the fact that contrary to expectations a year ago, Hitler had not yet shaken Spain's neutrality and marched on Gibraltar.

The affection and mutual confidence between the Soviet and Germany, continued Lord Samuel, was now apparently shown by the massing of armed millions from the Baltic to the Black Sea.

The Soviet alliance with Japan has not frightened the United States from taking over action to assist the Allies. American action must be greatly influenced by the attitude of sister republics in Central and South America which Germany has been making intense efforts to influence but has failed.

Americas Solid. The whole of the 21 American Republics and the Pan-American Union remain solid.

The Battle of the Atlantic is far from being won but it certainly is not won for Hitler.

The distinguished former Chief of the Air Force, Lord Trenchard, said that there was much misunderstanding regarding the recent air operations.

If more aerodromes had been built in Crete, they would never have survived the large-scale bombing attacks which the Germans could bring against them. Whether it was possible ever to accumulate enough equipment adequately to defend aerodromes in Greece and Crete was a point which only those with full knowledge could answer.

The facilities at the disposal of the Germans for bringing up planes and supplies were incomparably superior to the British.

Lord Trenchard said that one of the reasons for the evacuation of Crete was that we could not get reserves of troops in the battle zone.

Question of Reserves. "You cannot keep your reserve troops in the battle zone. For this purpose of having reserves in depth, an Air Force reserve of far greater than 100 per cent. is needed. There will always be a large number of reserves for the Middle East locked up in transit along the lines of communication."

Lord Trenchard declared that the defence of aerodromes was the responsibility of the Army.

Field Marshal Lord Milne made a strong plea that the War Office should accelerate the supply of information concerning the whereabouts, if alive, of men from Greece and Crete as in many cases relatives do not know what had happened to their sons and husbands.

Lord Croft (Under-Secretary for War) intervened to give an assurance that this matter was being speeded up.

German Losses. Lord Moyne, leader of the House, replying to the debate for the Government, refuted the "Nazi lie" that the whole force of the German attack on Crete was borne by Anzac troops. British troops in the operation in this area had been equal in number and slightly more than equal in casualties.

The number of German dead in Crete was four times as many as the British and exceeded the total of British losses in killed, wounded and missing.

We lost relatively little military material whereas we destroyed at least 430 of the costliest German types of planes and blunted the teeth of the Luftwaffe.

Co-operation with the Army will not be inferior to that of the Germans when our system of air support is complete.

Defence of Aerodromes. In this country, aerodromes are defended in depth. We have an Air Defence Force and local defence serving particular aerodromes. They will be supplemented and backed up by the Army.

Lord Moyne declared that the handicap of distance to the Eastern Mediterranean is being steadily counteracted.

The resistance in Greece and Crete has given us months to strengthen the position in the Suez Canal.

Italians have been cleared out of threatening positions, the South Africans and others in the Red Sea operations have been enabled to reinforce the main position in the Mediterranean and counter the trenchery in Iraq and of Vichy in Syria.

Meanwhile from Britain, United States, India and Africa, growing columns of armaments and transport are flowing in and have far exceeded the loss of material.

In the Syrian operations, the Australians are already flying American planes.

A Free Passage. If we had given a free passage to the Germans by not resisting in Greece and Crete, the situation would have been far more anxious than it was to-day. We have used the time to good purpose.

The prospects of the present vicious tank battle would have been very

Maze's Singlehanded Fight For British Interests

LONDON, June 18 (Reuter).—An official tribute to the work of Sir Frederick Maze, Inspector General of the Chinese Maritime Customs, was paid in the House of Commons following a question about the control of the Customs in occupied areas of China.

Mr. Anthony Eden, Foreign Minister, pointed out that the Inspector General continues to administer the Customs Service throughout all China, including a minor department which deals with lighthouses and harbour services, but he has to take into consideration the requirements of the occupying Power in the occupied areas.

Sir Alfred Knox asked whether it was realised that Sir Frederick Maze was battling up a singlehanded fight for British interests in the Far East and asked whether the Foreign Secretary would do everything possible to help him.

Mr. Eden replied: "I would join in paying the warmest possible tribute to the work Sir Frederick Maze is doing."

Junk Attack Recalled

An attack by armed men on a trading junk at Mira Bay, British waters, on May 17, was recalled this morning when Lo Kai and Tsau Wan, alias Tsu Cheung, were charged before Mr. Justice P. E. F. Cressall at the Criminal Sessions with robbery by two or more.

Mr. J. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor, prosecuted with the assistance of Sergeant Franklin. Accused were represented by Mr. H. H. Shing. Lo instructed by Mr. J. M. Hall. The jurors were Messrs. Alexander Smith, McKay (Foreman), Chiu Kwam-chee, Fernando Pedro Pereira, Frederico Enrique Castro, Wong Tak-wing, Tomashevsky, Dimitry Vladislav, and Fred Victor Wong. Accused pleaded not guilty.

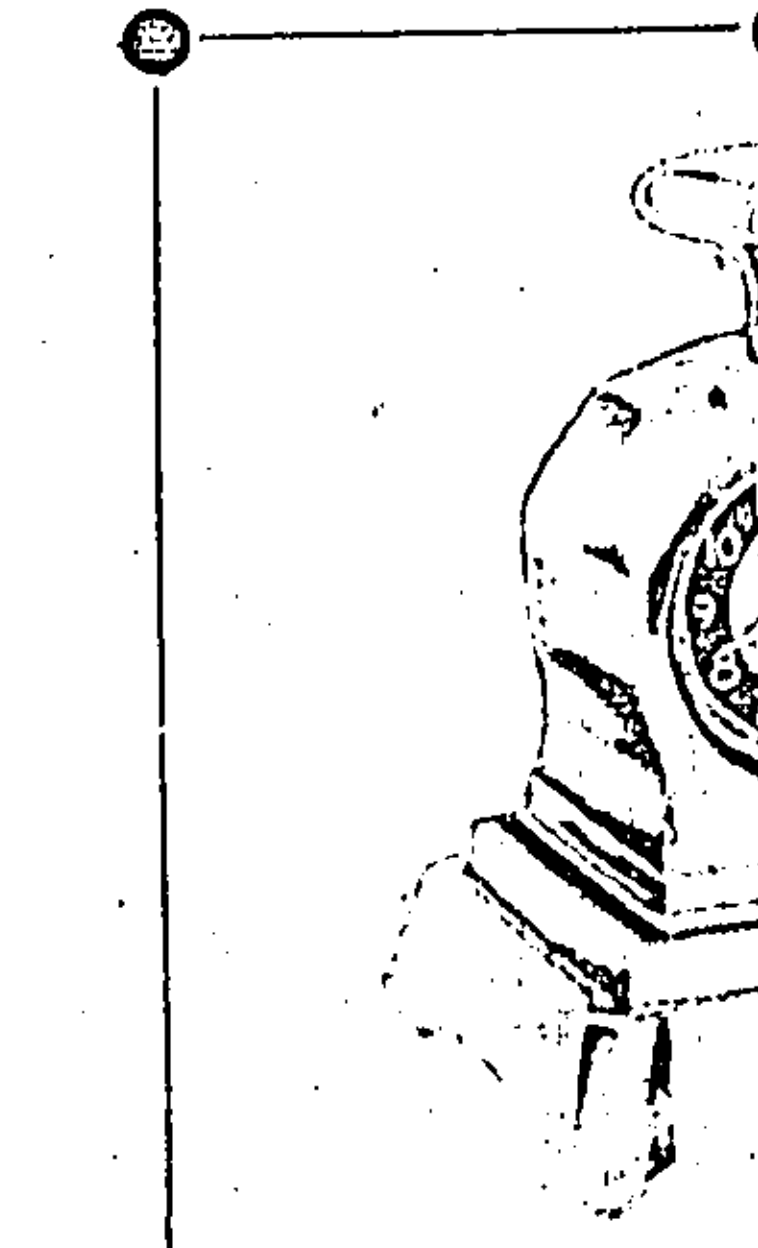
RAID OVER ALEXANDRIA

CAIRO, June 18 (Reuter).—Only a few bombs were dropped during an air raid on Alexandria early this morning, according to an Egyptian Ministry of the Interior communiqué.

The alert lasted about an hour and anti-aircraft defences were in action. Only one casualty occurred and the damage done was very slight.

different if the Germans could have got in all the tanks they wanted and if we had not four months in which to reinforce our resources.

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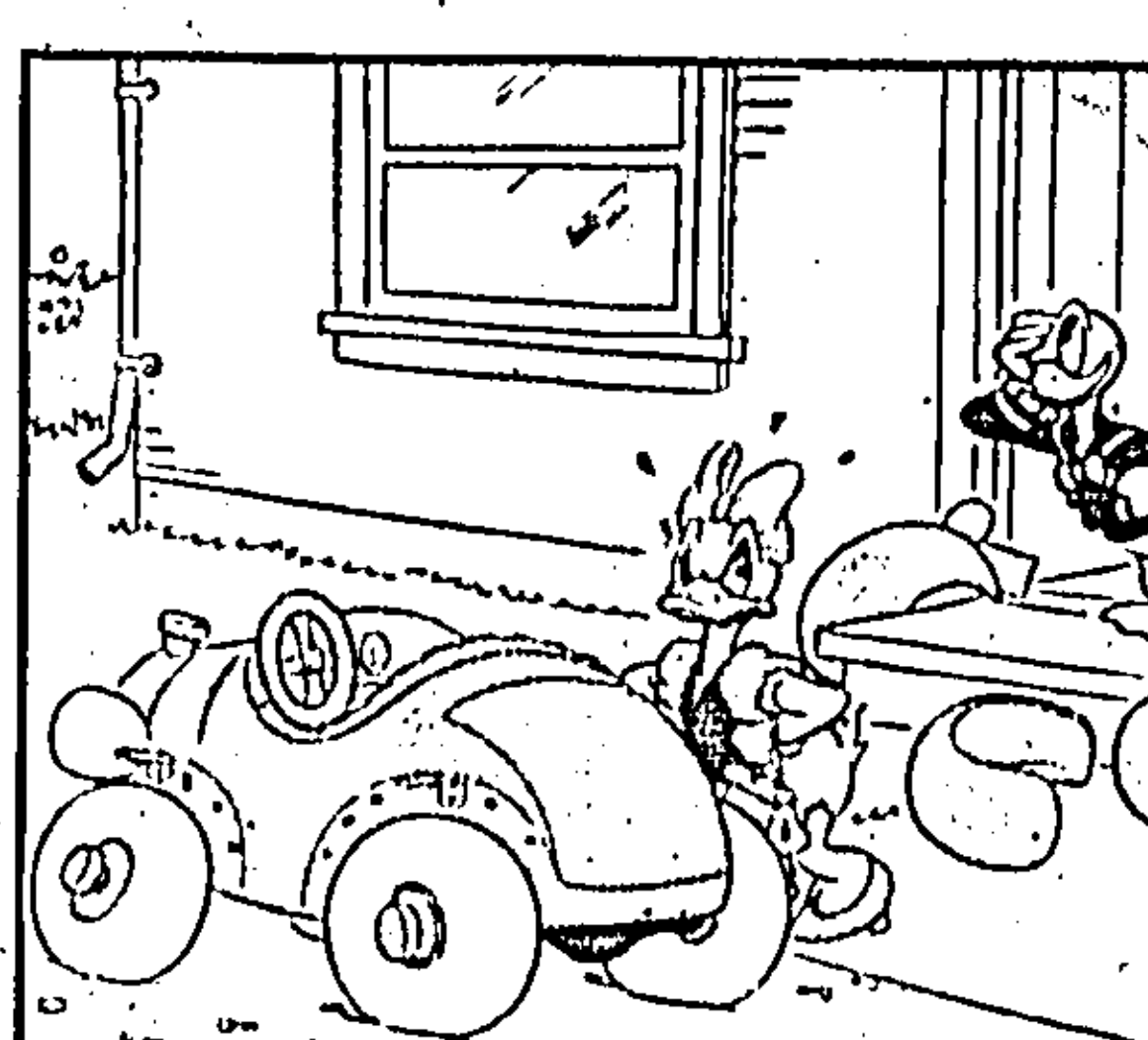
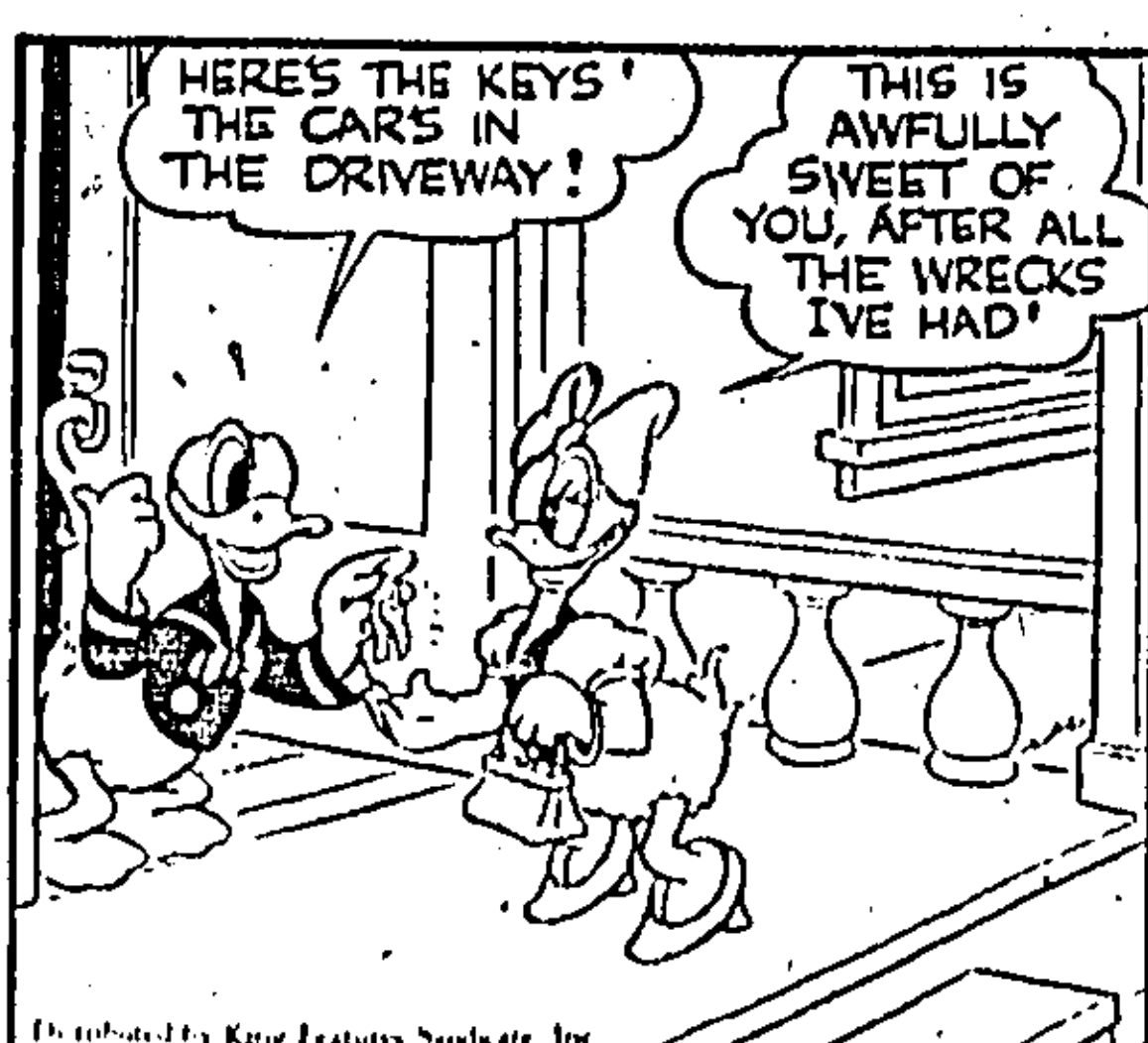
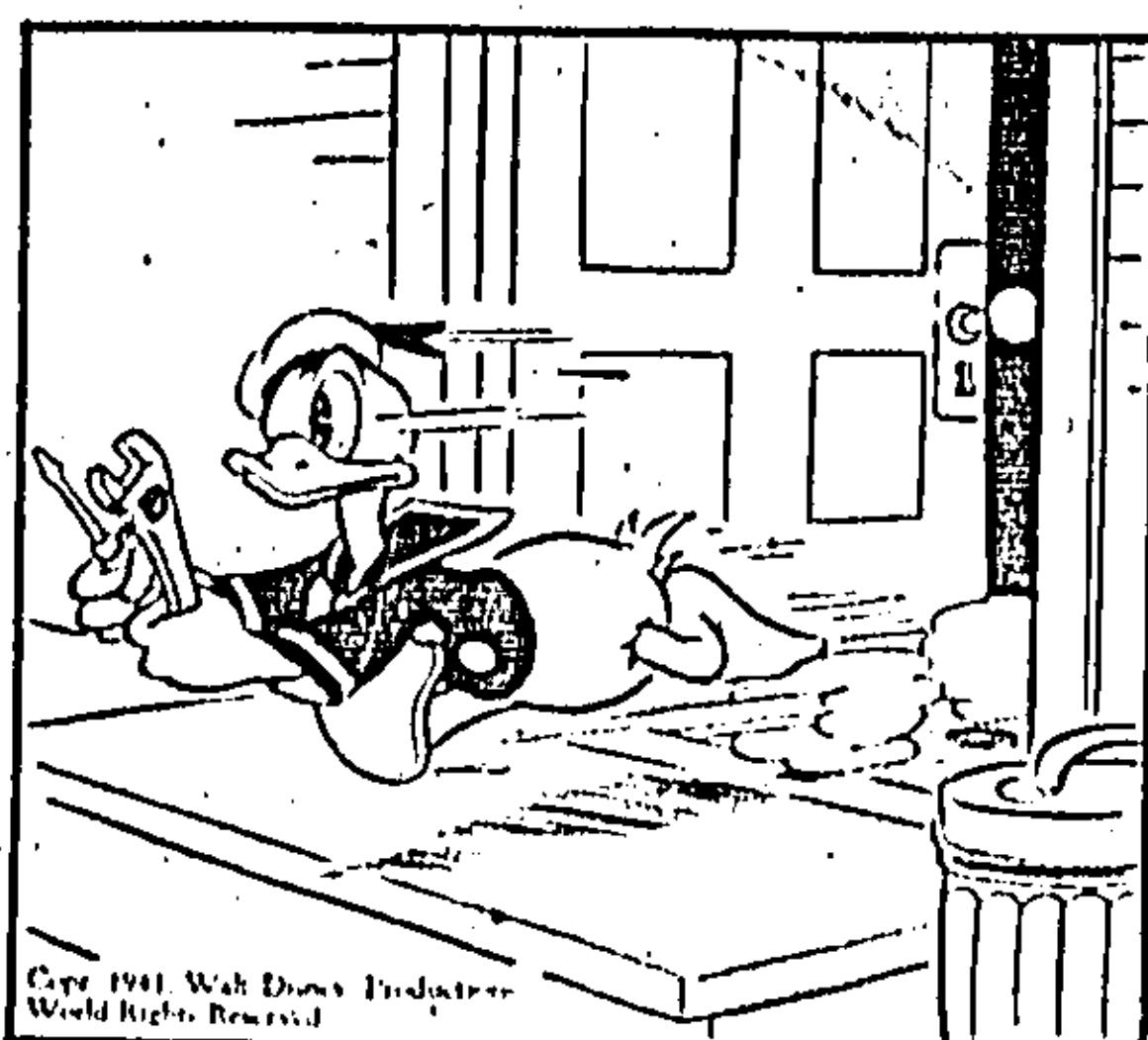
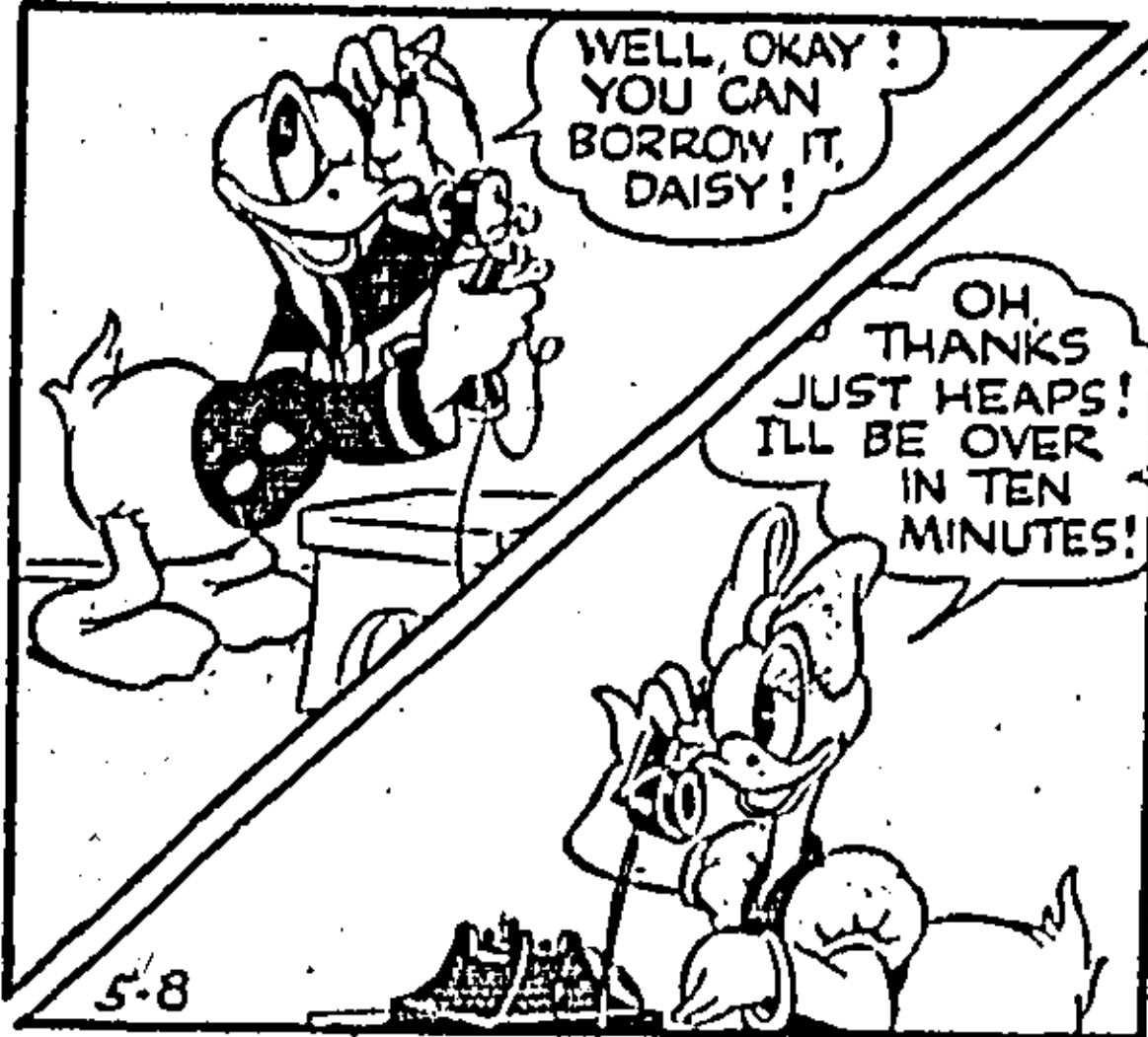
W. H. EVANS THOMAS, Manager.

NEW EXPORT CERTIFICATE To Reduce Delays

LONDON, June 18 (British Wireless).—A new system to help British exporters to avoid unnecessary delays in the transit of goods has been introduced by the Ministry of Economic Warfare by means of the issue of a "destination control certificate."

Under the present methods when it is necessary to trans-ship goods, for example, at Lisbon for Switzerland or at most distant ports like Singapore and Hongkong, delays often occur, especially where there are British controls to prevent goods reaching the enemy.

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CONTRACT BRIDGE

By JOSEPHINE CULBERTSON

NO change in the Culbertson Sys-trick from South, and since North tem has created more public can well support a four heart contract responding to two-bids.

I should like to remind my readers that the change, though sweep- call North's two spade bid. In that ing, applies only to the first re- cease the bidding should go: sponse, and does not materially affect the subsequent bidding. Note to-day's hand:

North	East	South	West
4♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	3♥	Pass

Rubber bridge.
North-South vulnerable.
North dealer.

AKQ64
A82
AKQ5
73
K1074
AKQJ
5
8

82
QJ953
86
7642

The bidding:
North 2♥ East 3♥ South 3♥ West Pass
Pass Pass 4♥ Pass

The new system provides that the responder may mention his suit (without going through the old formality of first bidding two no-trump) if said suit is five cards in length headed by the king, the queen-jack, or better; or may respond with any six-card suit. This, however, does not hold true when there is an intervening bid, as in the above sequence. South would not be justified in bidding three hearts (or anything else) as a free bid over East's three diamonds. His lack of one honour-trick in the hand as a whole makes a pass the only correct action. On the next round, however, South shows the heart suit freely over East's four diamond bid—just as he would have done in the old system. Now North knows notrump contract? Opening lead

Referring to the actual hand above, four hearts is a safe and sound contract, and the only game contract that can be fulfilled.

To-morrow's Hand

Match-point duplicate.
Neither side vulnerable.
South dealer.

AK83	1042
Q753	10076
1072	3
	KQ6
	Q4
QJ7	AK5
Q1082	KJ82
A866	94
	KQJ3

How should South play his three? Opening lead

Crossword Puzzle

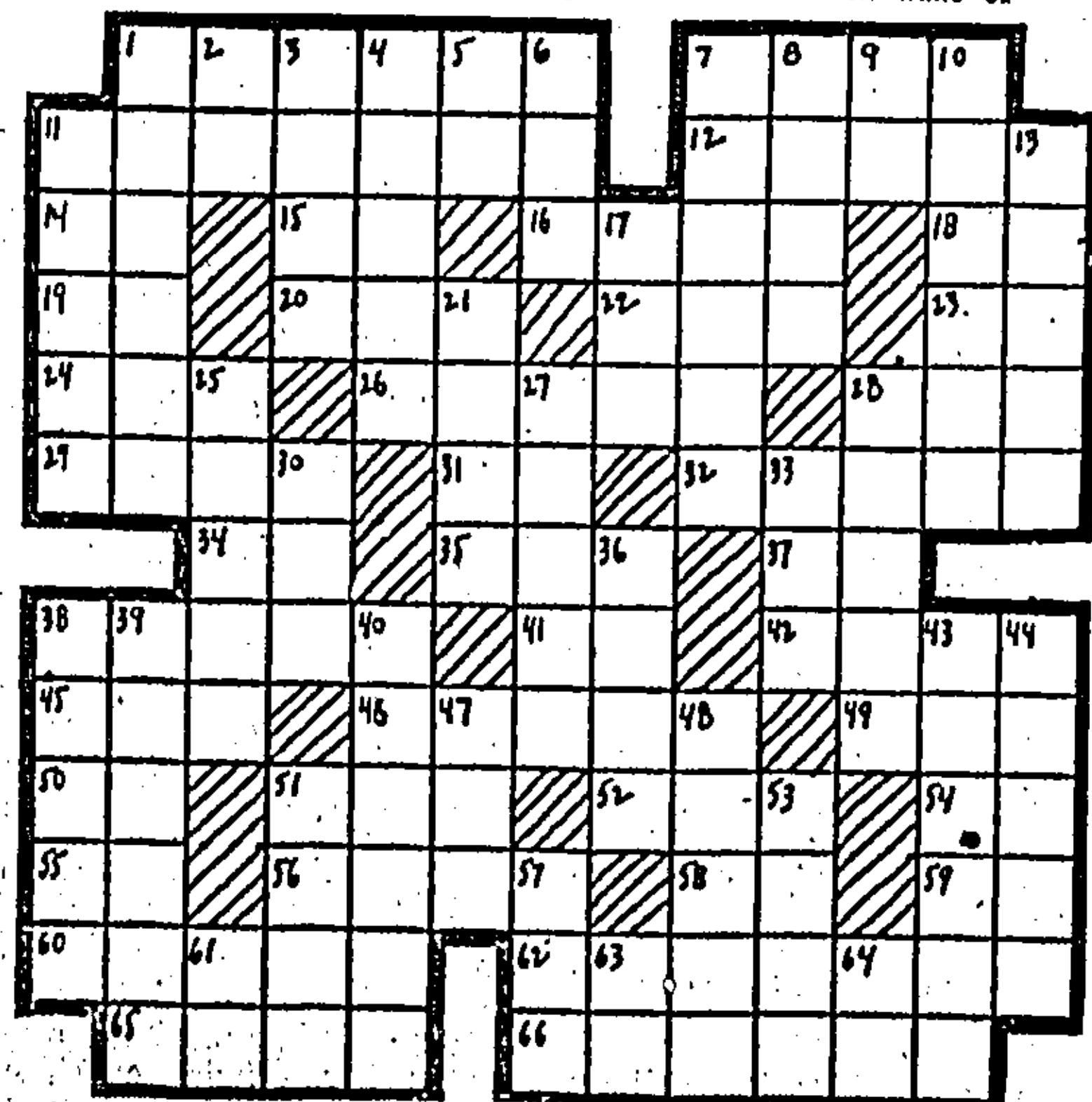
By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

1—Bour
11—Branch out from center
12—Aquatic mammal
13—Hans's nickname
14—Hoochey, the first
15—Commanded
16—Concerning
17—Note of scale
18—Direct
19—The German
20—Children's game
21—Conductors' stock
22—Unit of machinery
23—Hummer's root
24—Chinese mule
25—Plant spine
26—Symbol: tabernacle
27—Hecede
28—Otherwise
29—Pride, rapidly
30—Exterior's degree
31—East base cat
32—Convent inmate
33—Female horses
34—Lick
35—Final day
36—Peak of roof
37—Daniel
38—Fictional fly
39—Mixed type

DOWN

1—Circular measure
2—Public notice
3—Girl's name
4—West Indian
5—Aborigine
6—That thing
7—Debutante (sings)
8—Dwelling animal
9—Horse highway
10—Dolls; affected by
11—Street feast
12—Pauses
13—Dominate
14—Excitement
15—Masculine
16—Tennis lock
17—Italian river
18—Horse animal
19—Pistol (sings)
20—Ancey
21—Insects
22—Flips
23—Takes accounting
24—Union of kingdoms
25—Monopoly fight
26—Backbone
27—No tick
28—Hesitant
29—Greek actor
30—Attention
31—Lays
32—Nickel
33—In wake of



Success on the Economic Front THE WAR WITHIN THE WAR

By An English Economist

With shipping space one of the most precious commodities, it is obvious that ships carrying foodstuffs and raw materials to Great Britain do not return empty. They load up supplies for British forces overseas and they carry British export goods out in exchange for our imports.

Since Continental markets are cut off, Britain is supplying many of the former customers of Germany and the occupied territories despite the fact that her industrial areas are in the front line and that her first necessity is to produce the weapons of offence and defence. The total volume of export trade has been well maintained, and it is achieving, and will continue to make an invaluable contribution to the war effort.

There is, of course, a considerable element of selection, which must at times make things difficult for the exporter in Britain; the goods he would like to sell overseas may be needed here, or it may not be practicable to import the raw material for them, or his products may be very bulky in relation to its value so that it occupies too much shipping space. But for the overseas buyer who wishes to take British goods the answer is simple. He can safely buy anything that is offered in the assurance that he is helping Britain by so doing.

"Buy British"

There has been some confusion of thought on this point, and partly on account of statements made about the need for economy of purchases in the sterling area and for saving shipping, some people, in the Dominions particularly, have wondered whether the "Buy British" slogan was still valid. It undoubtedly is. The men and women of the British countries overseas, who have so notably shown their belief in the cause for which the Empire is fighting, can help that cause by sacrifices in the economic field; they can avoid buying non-essentials outside the sterling area so that foreign exchange is conserved; but they can rest assured that British goods on sale in their markets, whatever their class, would not be available there unless their export were assisting the war effort.

It is fairly obvious that shipping space is saved if the vessels returning from Britain go direct to the ports from which the imports we need are drawn. It is a waste of time, which comes to the same thing as space, if they have to deliver British exports to one port and then go on to another to pick up their homeward cargo. This elementary fact fortunately means that, on the whole more shipping space would be available, other things being equal, to those countries from which we want supplies. On this ground alone, therefore, it will be seen that exports to the United States, for example, can be increased with the maximum advantage.

Dollars Needed

Moreover, dollars are Britain's most urgent need to-day, as far as foreign exchange is concerned, and any export that provides them is particularly valuable. The effect may be indirect. For instance, an export to one of the Dominions from Britain, which is necessary and which would have to be bought outside the sterling area otherwise, clearly helps. There are naturally other complexities in this huge business of controlling British trade to secure

the maximum efficiency in the war effort, but the situation is rational and comprehensible if these main generalisations are borne in mind. The goodwill of buyers in countries overseas, their desire to help Britain in her struggle for freedom, are obviously important factors which must not be forgotten. The reception given to the Willington Mission in South America proves again, if proof were needed, that this feeling does not exist only in the Empire and the United States. But at the same time it would be wrong and misleading to think that these buyers are not also getting the best for themselves.

Trade Into Planes

The President of the Board of Trade, in a broadcast to North America, put the two aspects—goodwill and good business—very well when he said: "If you continue to buy and even to increase your demands for those British goods which you have been accustomed to take and which, I believe you like to take, such things as woollens and worsteds, cottons and linens, leather goods, pottery, glass, I am sure you will get value for money—you will certainly get delivery—and you will be helping us yet again to bring the whole of our national resources to bear to win the war and win it quickly. I don't want you to imagine that you are filling the pockets of British merchants. You are putting into the sky an aeroplane, and we will win it with the best we have."

The vitality of our export trade in circumstances that might have been expected to make it impossible, and the differentiation between what can and cannot be usefully exported in wartime are well illustrated by a brief examination of the 1940 returns of overseas trade.

The group for chemicals, drugs, dyes and colours is the most remarkable instance of an increase, the total of £27,069,796 being £4,881,001 above the 1939 figure which itself was appreciably higher than 1938.

It is not difficult to see that these British manufacturers have been necessities for the importing countries, and have taken the place of chemicals formerly sup-

plied by Germany. But remembering that the industry has had to meet a big demand from the United Kingdom for war purposes as well as more normal requirements, this offers an example of what our factories can achieve even if they are in the "front line."

Improvement

There are other striking instances of improvement. For example, the pottery, glass and abrasives group was more than £2 million up last year, woollen and worsted yarns and manufactures about the same, electrical goods and apparatus and manufactured oils and fats and resins very little less. Silk and artificial silk yarns and manufactures increased by £234 million and manufactures of other textile materials by over £114 million. The increase for paper and cardboard at well over £3 million was second only to that of the chemical group.

On the other hand, there were heavy falls in exports of machinery and vehicles of all kinds, and that needs no explanation. The factories producing this kind of product are mostly full time on war work.

Raw material exports are also down heavily, particularly coal, in which the loss of European markets has made a great deal of difference, while shipping for such a relatively bulky cargo also presents special difficulties.

There was a small decrease in the total shipments of "food, drink and tobacco," but here it is noteworthy that the general reduction in this class—which was to be expected—has been offset to a considerable extent by a big rise in the value of beverages and cocoa preparations we have sent overseas.

To get a fair idea of the really remarkable way in which our business men have been fighting the economic war, it is necessary to make allowance for some of these items whose export has been impossible in the usual quantity. Total exports last year were lower in value by £26½ million than they were in 1939. The decrease in raw materials and the two manufactured article groups I have mentioned—machinery and vehicles—account for a reduction of trade by about £30 millions, with another £0 million in the food, drink and tobacco group and goods exported by parcel post. Taking into account these facts it is clear that every industry that is able to make its contribution must have done so to the full.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"The blue army objective will be to attack the Detroit area—if you capture it you can save us freight charges by driving home some tanks from the factories there!"

NAZIS LOSE 20 WARPLANES

R.A.F.'s Big Bag Over Desert

CAIRO, June 18 (Reuter).—The destruction of 20 enemy aircraft in the Western Desert battle yesterday is the feature of the R.A.F. Middle East communique.

The communique states: "Aircraft of the R.A.F. and the South African Air Force continued to give full support to the operations by ground forces in the Western Desert yesterday."

"Fighters repeatedly engaged enemy aircraft which attempted to attack the troops and destroyed 12 Junkers-87's, two G-50's and six Messerschmitt-109's."

"During the day, they were also active in machine-gunning enemy motor transport on roads in the Gazala area and did considerable damage."

"Bomber aircraft carried out a number of attacks on enemy armoured cars and transport."

"In the Sidi Omar area, bombs fell among tanks and transport, destroying or disabling more than 20 vehicles and in the same area, armoured cars, light tanks and troop concentrations were shot up."

"During the night of June 16-17, heavy bombers attacked a number of targets. Hits were registered on the Central Mole and elsewhere in the harbour area at Benghazi."

"Bombs were dropped on the landing grounds at Derna and Gazala, where a number of fires were started, and at Bardia, several motor transport vehicles were set on fire and others damaged."

"There is nothing of outstanding importance to report from other fronts."

"From all these operations, six aircraft are missing."

ST LAWRENCE PROJECT

Knox Commends

WASHINGTON, June 18 (Reuter).—A strong plea for approval of the St Lawrence seaway scheme was made to-day by Colonel Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy.

The scheme is for combined Canadian-United States action to deepen the connection between the upper St Lawrence and the sea. Colonel Knox declared: "We are going to live in a disturbed world for a long time. It would be advantageous to build ships in an area reasonably secure from attack from without."

Colonel Knox was addressing the House of Representatives Harbours Committee.

Robin Moor Photographs

NEW YORK, June 18 (Reuter).—Mr Sumner Welles, the Under-Secretary of State, told the press to-day that the Robin Moor survivors had excellent photographs corroborating the oral testimony that she was sunk by a German submarine.

Japan's Diplomatic Failure

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". MANILA, June 18 (UP).—The American owned "Manila Bulletin" in an editorial to-day, states that the rejection of the Japanese demands by the Netherlands East Indies represented a failure in the opening drive of the diplomatic phase of Japan's southern offensive. It suggested that Japanese hesitation is due to British continued resistance and also the determined attitude of the United States.

Japanese Plan New Drive

Hankow Reinforced

CHUNGKING, June 18 (Reuter).—Intensive reconnoitring by Japanese aircraft in the past two days along both banks of the Siang River in northern Hunan, including the towns of Hsiangyang, Sinahh, Pingdang and Chingchin, is causing speculation whether the Japanese intend to launch a drive in that region.

Field dispatches from the northern Hunan front report that the Japanese forces in southern Hupch, along the Hupch-Huran Railway, have launched attacks between Tungchen, Tungyang and Tungshan, towards points on the Huran border, but it is pointed out that so far the fighting has been of minor importance.

Information reaching Chinese military authorities indicates that the Japanese have been sending reinforcements to the Hankow area, probably between one and two divisions.

Red Leaders See Ukrainian Play

MOSCOW, June 18 (Reuter).—The presence of Messrs Stalin and Molotov and other members of the Soviet Government at a performance on Sunday of a modern comedy called "On the Steppes of the Ukraine" is mentioned in the Soviet press to-day. The fact is alluded to in prominent notices of the season of the Ukrainian Theatre Company from Kiev now being held in Moscow.

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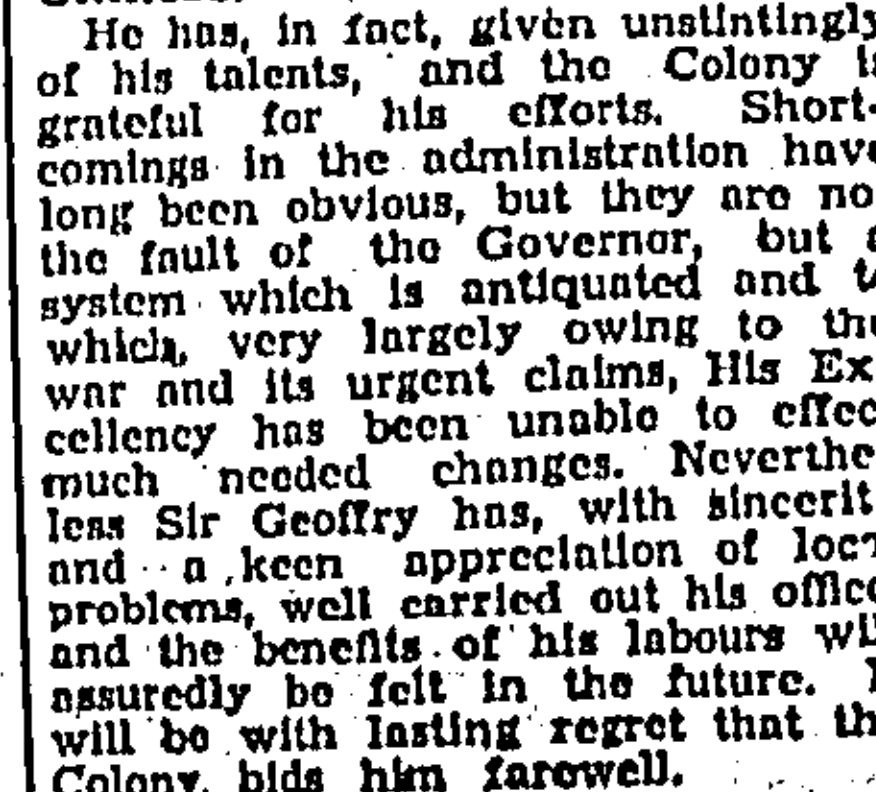
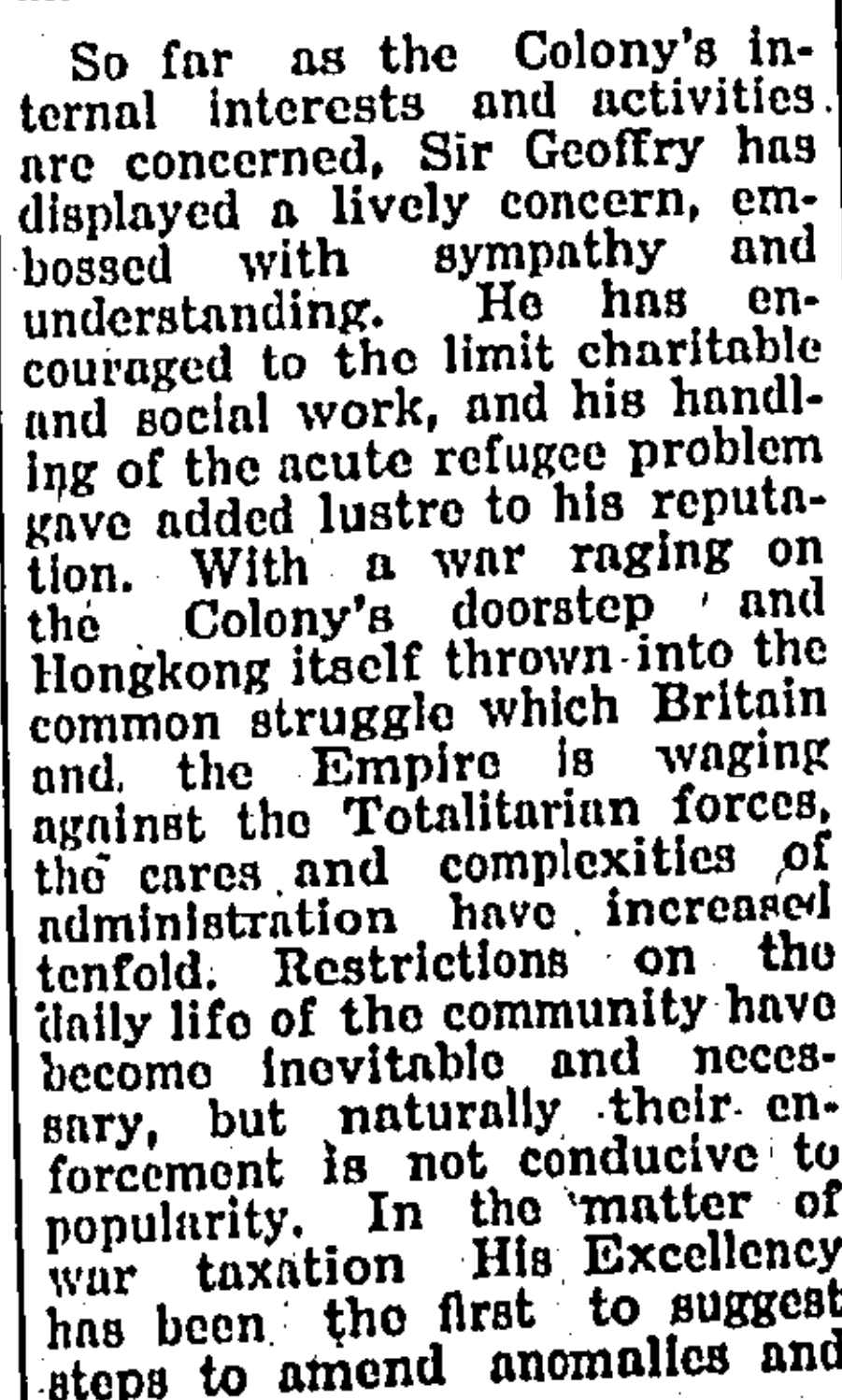
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As and when the conditions of the Atlantic were such as to render the landing of the flying boat inadvisable, I would commend the stationing of armed merchant cruisers, to hold station every 100 miles, which would enable any aeroplane flying at a height of 2,000ft. to glide down close to the nearest ship, which would be equipped with high speed motor-boats, or such life-boats could withstand the conditions prevailing.

THE major problem in connection with such a scheme of mass attack is that of take-off and landing and to keep 10,000, or 15,000, aircraft constantly in the air would require a considerable increase in the available fuel for take-off, and landing, and a very highly organized scheme of operations.

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should be kept in the new office. Mr. Forrest made no effort to have the books printed, being convinced, he has told us, that they could not be got ready in time.

At a later date Mr. Forrest devised a system of accounting for the Macao branch office which is based on Mr. Taylor's recommendations, yet at no time did he make any effort to institute any adequate system in his own office, at least until early February, 1941.

Mr. Forrest has told us that his failure was due, firstly, to his belief that the system which long had been in force in the passport control branch of the Police Department would be sufficient for the new Department, with some slight extension and enlargement, and, secondly, to his inability to get from the Treasury the trained staff he required. The passport control branch had been taken over on November 10, and the system, suitable no doubt, and adequate for such a small self-contained branch, was vainly endeavouring to adapt itself to the manifold calls which the public was making on the Immigration Department.

We find it difficult to accept Mr. Forrest's first explanation, not only because it must have been clear from the very outset that no such accounting system, operated by one clerk and one clerk, could possibly cope with the requirements of a large and very busy office, but also because on 20th November, after eleven days' practical experience of the inadequacy of the passport book-keeping system, Mr. Forrest wrote a minute to the Honorable the Colonial Secretary in the course of which he said:

"The immediately urgent work of purely administrative type to which I should be devoting my attention but which is being all but completely neglected, comprises, I conceive, the following: financial control and office routine."

Need of Shroffs

As regards his second explanation we concede that Mr. Forrest had desperate need of additional shroffs and that trained and experienced shroffs were hard to come by, but we cannot agree that the lack of such officers is any excuse for the failure to provide for the new Department at least a proper system of accounting and records. If such a system had existed, but the staff through overwork, or lack of experience had failed to keep the books up to date, there would have been much force in this argument. In the circumstances which Mr. Forrest permitted to exist it is beside the point.

It is understandable that the officer who on November 20 made so full a confession as to the absence of any accounting system in his new office should on December 4 seek a month's postponement of the commencement of the Ordinance. That any officer having not that further period of grace should during it neither arrange for an adequate system of book-keeping nor assign an accounting officer in his department to supervise the work of the shroffs is intelligible only on the assumption that the officer regarded his responsibility for large sums of public moneys as comparatively unimportant. That the same officer having taken no steps to institute any accounting system should oppose the suggestion for further postponement suggests an attitude of mind which we are quite unable to comprehend.

Mr. Forrest as from December 1 had among his staff Mr. A. J. C. Taylor of the Senior Clerical and Accounting Staff whom Mr. Forrest himself describes as one of the best accountants in the service. He made no attempt to utilize Mr. Taylor's services as accounting officer until after Mr. Barton, Mr. Pudney and the Auditor, Mr. Pollard, had successively reported on the financial chaos which reigned in the office.

Deposit System

Much has been said during our public inquiry about the deposit system and the inadequacy of the imprest account. The arrival in the Colony of large numbers of Chinese who were without any immigration papers, the paramount necessity to clear ships without avoidable delay, and the natural reluctance to saddle the shipping company with the re-

sponsibility for repatriating all such passengers made the introduction of a system of deposits inevitable. The fact that many such passengers had no Hongkong currency further complicated the situation.

It was unavoidable that the officers of the board should, though unaided, should have to handle very large sums of money in all sorts of currencies. No one could accurately estimate just how much money would be taken in by way of deposit or how much would have to be refunded on any particular day or on any voyage of a ship.

In such circumstances we do not regard as heinous Mr. Forrest's expedients to find the cash which had to be got to satisfy depositors, nor the fact that he performed his officers had to handle large sums though financially unsecured. Such situations are apt to arise when a new system is enforced, and until some suitable arrangement could be made for collecting deposits before passengers embarked for Hongkong some such expedient had to be resorted to in order to avoid protracted delays.

Summarizing our conclusions on this term of reference we are satisfied that there was no adequate financial system instituted in the Immigration Department; that Mr. Forrest was aware of this fact, as shown by his minute of November 28 and inferentially by his applying on December 4 for a postponement of the commencement of the Ordinance; and that, well aware as he was of this very serious flaw in his machinery, he appears to have regarded it as a matter of little or no moment.

Agency System

On the matter of the agency system, the Report says:

"When a system of control necessitates the completion of long and apparently complicated forms by unintelligent and illiterate members of the community it is not surprising that, in aid of applicants for permits, there sprang up a multiplicity of agents who, for a consideration, held themselves out as able to obtain permits expeditiously and with the minimum of trouble to the applicant. With such a little gold mine in view it is only natural that many of these agents were found to be corrupt and inefficient, or that they should seek to cloak their inefficiency by attempting to bribe officers of the department."

The Immigration Officer had no option but to recognize the fact of these agencies. He went further, rightly, we think, and extended recognition to some while blacklisting others. Troubles, however, still arose and Mr. Forrest was at his wit's end for a solution.

Mr. Kobza as from November 20 had operated a photographic studio in the Immigration Office (that was one of the recommendations of the Middlebrook report) and on December 1 he applied for a monopoly not only of the photographic work required but also of the completion of application forms. That application was refused on Mr. Forrest's recommendation.

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An agreement having been executed and a banking account having been opened by Mr. Kobza, the one provision of the agreement which imparted some measure of financial control on the operations of the agent was by parol agreement abrogated. No auditors were appointed, no accountants were available to countersign cheques, and they were in fact countersigned by Mr. Kobza's secretary, a lady in his pay, and a very intimate friend of Mr. Forrest.

We would add that before Mr. Kobza was appointed general agent no tenders were called for, though that was clearly contemplated by Executive Council, the terms of the proposed agreement were not submitted to the Crown Solicitor, Government's financial advisers were not apprised of the step contemplated and no security was taken from Mr. Kobza.

Unauthorised Duties

Mr. Forrest has consistently argued that the General Agent is agent not for the Immigration Officer but for the public who deal with him, and that therefore he handles no public moneys, Government supervision of his accounts is unnecessary, and he should not be called upon to give security for the due performance of his duties. Suffice it to say that in the course of the examination of Mr. Kobza it transpired that Mr. Forrest had authorised him to issue temporary permits without reference to Mr. Forrest. This, we would point out, is a clear unauthorised delegation of the duties of the Immigration Officer, involves the issue and recognition of a form of permit for which the Ordinance makes no statutory provision and is open to every possible financial objection in that the permit forms are unnumbered, are not audit forms, and have never been submitted to Government's financial officers for approval or examination.

Of the whole matter of the appointment of Mr. Kobza as general agent we take a very grave view adverse to Mr. Forrest. We cannot resist the conclusion that, having avowed the grant of a monopoly "with the enthusiasm of a convert," Mr. Forrest, despite the adverse decision of the Governor in Council, determined to persist in the appointment of Mr. Kobza as agent in a preferential position to other agents. The provision in the agreement for termination by three months'

notice is one which might well give rise to misgivings in Mr. Forrest's heart, for Government on learning of the agreement might order him to terminate it.

The supplemental agreement was the remedy for any such unfortunate state of affairs. We can draw no other conclusion from Mr. Forrest's failure to take any advice, administrative, legal or financial, before executing such an agreement, from his failure to report its existence and from the later execution of the supplemental agreement. For the delegation of the power to grant immigration documents or for the issue of permits for which there is no statutory authority there can be course no excuse. The whole transaction has left on our minds a profoundly bad impression, and is, in our judgment, quite indefensible.

Recruitment of Staff

A first advertisement inserted in the local press, for which Mr. Forrest was in no sense responsible, calls for applications for the post of Assistant Immigration Officer at a salary of \$450 per mensem (inclusive) and provides that applicants shall be British subjects of pure European descent between the ages of 21 and 28 and of a certain educational standard.

We cannot refrain from the comment that thus to limit the field of a selection by excluding the great majority of possible ideal candidates to whom the salary offered would be a real inducement strikes us as hardly the most likely way to recruit a suitably intelligent and impeccable staff.

Ultimately a staff was assembled, largely consisting, as far as the more senior and responsible posts are concerned, of Mr. Forrest's own personal friends. We hasten to say that to the appointment of friends simpler than we take no objections, and there is no ground for suggesting that to any of his friends Mr. Forrest extended any preference in the department. On other grounds, however, the staff selected gives cause for great dissatisfaction.

Among the European Assistant Immigration Officers are two whose short-comings have already been reported to Government. When at the end of November, 1940, Mr. Forrest applied to Government for covering approval of the appointments which he had made, he was instructed to dispense with the services of three of them as soon as possible. One was dismissed forthwith; the other two whose past records will hardly bear close examination are still members of the Department. Further comment is surely unnecessary.

Among others recruited by Mr. Forrest are two whom the police, on good grounds, regard as shady characters and not respectable persons. Of the Chinese staff generally little that is adverse can be said. A man who was dismissed from Government service for demanding money with menaces, and was then used as King's Evidence in a recent sensational trial, is said to be employed in the Department under an assumed name, but there is no suggestion that Mr. Forrest was aware of his record. The police report that twenty seven members of the staff were unknown at the addresses given by them, while several others used these addresses as accommodation addresses only.

Complaints of Discourtesy

We have received and investigated a number of complaints containing allegations of discourtesy shown to members of the public by Mr. Forrest or members of his staff. It is only fair to say, however, that we received a number of tributes to the invariable courtesy, patience and helpfulness extended to the writers on their visits to the Immigration Office. To get this question in its proper perspective one must remember the conditions under which Mr. Forrest and his staff were working, in grossly inadequate accommodation, surrounded by a clamorous mob of applicants, and at the beck and call of everyone in the building. Of all the complaints we received and investigated only three in our opinion are sufficiently serious to make it impossible to explain them away by reference to the stiffness of the new machine or to the conditions under which work had to be carried on. When we say this we do not mean that other complaints were not well founded, but only that they evidence either faults in the system which can easily be remedied, or a momentary petulance which in the circumstances was almost excusable.

The three exceptions were the "uncivil treatment" by Mr. Forrest of the Bank of China and of Mr. Ma Tzu Chiu, J.P., and "most serious allegations," made by Major C. M. Manners and Mr. W. J. Keswick regarding Mr. Forrest's behaviour on board the s.s. President Merwin.

It is unfortunate that Mr. Keswick could not appear and be questioned by Mr. Forrest. We have, however, no hesitation in accepting the evidence given that Mr. Forrest, when officially visiting a ship flying the American flag, showed bad temper and irritability, and on deck language and gestures for which there can be no excuse. We are inclined to the opinion that Mr. Forrest at that time was so overworked and was so suffering from insomnia as to have lost that measure of self-control which is so essential in dealing with the public, and perhaps particularly so when dealing with foreigners and nationalities. Mr. Forrest's conduct on this occasion may be palliated by the considerations we have just mentioned, but it cannot be excused. It was a most regrettable happening.

General Administration

Under the heading of the general administration of the department we took the opportunity, during Mr. Forrest's illness, to visit the main office at Morria House, the passport and deposit refund office and the depot at West Point. Even at that time, when the flood of applicants was obviously

ebbing, there was a steady stream of visitors and we were able to examine and test the system from the first application for a permit form to the issue of the completed permit. The system, in spite of the extremely unfavourable surroundings in which it had to be carried out, struck us as essentially a good one, adequately safeguarding Government property and public moneys and issuing permits to the public without avoidable delay.

In the early days no doubt the system did not work so smoothly as later when the staff had more experience and the pressure of work was less, but the system as in operation when we visited the office appeared to be adequate, and we see no reason why the department should not have operated normally if only a proper accounting system had been instituted; and perhaps, somehow, a little less temperamental than Mr. Forrest had been in charge.

Recommendations

The Commission made the following recommendations:

Abolition of the Deposit System

recommended that the deposit system be abandoned or drastically restricted as soon as it can conveniently be done.

Mr. Forrest at Fault in Three Matters

Mr. Forrest has been found by us to have been at fault in two major matters; and one minor matter, that of discourtesy and lack of tact. We refer to that as a minor matter only because we are satisfied that Mr. Forrest is normally a most courteous and polite man, that in very many of his dealings with the public as Immigration Officer he displayed his usual politeness, patience and consideration and that it was only occasionally, and then, in part at least, because of ill-health and overwork, that he lost his temper and transgressed as we have found in an earlier paragraph.

His Failure to Institute A Proper Financial System

As regards the first of his two major faults, in our opinion Mr. Forrest is not in himself to blame; but rather the Government who appointed him Immigration Officer. We are satisfied that Mr. Forrest is lacking in business knowledge and in administrative and organizing abilities, that he is a poor manager of a temperamental which renders him entirely unsuitable to be placed in charge of a new department, with its inevitable worries and complexities, as he is lacking in the qualities of discipline and self-control. Mr. Forrest has been in the service of Government for less than ten years and Government must have been fully cognizant of his failings in these directions.

His Disobedience to the Instructions of the Governor in Council

For his second fault no such excuse can be found. We entertain no doubt that he deliberately, to further his own ends and give his own pet schemes a chance of proving their worth, disregarded the spirit of the instructions of the Governor in Council, and by being a party to the supplemental agreement, did his best to render nugatory any orders which he might be given when the existence of the agreement with Kobza came to light.

Mr. Forrest Unfit to Be Head of Any Department

Mr. Forrest, in our opinion, has proved himself unfit for the position of head of this, or of any other department, and we recommend that Government give most careful consideration to the question of his retention in the public service.

Unhelpful Attitude of Treasury and Secretariat

Throughout the evidence we have been struck by the unhelpful attitude towards Mr. Forrest and his needs shown by some other departments and in particular by the Treasury and the Secretariat. Mr. Forrest's evidence to us lays great stress on this point, and in our opinion, rightly. The files which we have read, as well as the oral evidence taken by us, show a marked inclination to let things alone, hoping against hope, no doubt, that order would arise out of chaos. There is a noticeable tendency to write morbid minutes compact of destructive criticism, and to give no constructive advice would greatly have ameliorated things. Mr. Pudney's argument that because he has no disciplinary powers over other departments he is powerless to intervene does not impress us. Kindness has always proved a more potent force than the threat of punishment for both children and animals: it might with advantage be tried in the case of heads of government departments.

Appointment of Special Officer

If the man in the street is late in his payment of war taxation or water rates Government has in force a most insistent and effective follow-up system which very soon ensures payment. If a rate-payer is ordered to abate a nuisance only a very short time elapses before the Government department concerned calls on him and assures itself that the necessary work has been well done. Cannot something of the same kind be done as regards Government departments? If there were an officer charged with the duty of seeing that orders given were punctually and effectively carried out, Secretariat files would cease to be, as so many of those we have had to read, a mere record of calamity on calamity. We confidently recommend to Your Excellency the institution of some such innovation in the Government of the Colony.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Barnett, our Secretary, on whose shoulders has fallen the task of analysing a large number of files and making the contents thereof speedily and intelligibly available to us, to Mr. J. H. P. 2, Mr. C. G. Crook, Solicitor's Office for taking proofs of witnesses for us, and to our stenographers, Miss Eira of the Supreme

Court and Miss Murray of the Attorney General's Department, whose work through long sittings has been beyond praise.

The Commission of Inquiry comprised the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor (chairman), Mr. H. K. Woo, Mr. D. Drummond and Mr. C. Bernard Brown, with Mr. K. M. A. Barnett as Secretary.

U. S. Fuel Supplies To U.K.

WASHINGTON, June 18 (Reuter).—New arrangements giving United States refineries an opportunity to supply at least 50 per cent. of petroleum products purchased for Great Britain under American contracts was announced by Mr. Harold Ickes, the Petroleum Co-ordinator, to-night.

The action follows an appeal by producers in the United States domestic refineries. They said that virtually all such American contractors were being supplied from wells in Venezuela.

Mr. Ickes also announced that three huge tankers at present serving in California would be transferred to serve the Atlantic seaboard from the Gulf of Mexico.

The will deliver an additional 210,000,000 gallons of petrol a year because of the shorter voyage.

War Refugee Found In Govt House

One of those strange and whimsical incidents which bare the tragedies of the poor to those in high places occurred at Government House yesterday. Captain Batty-Smith, the Aide de Camp to His Excellency the Governor, found an unknown and elderly Chinese man standing in the dining room of Government House. The man had walked up the drive and had apparently just "walked in."

Questioned through an interpreter the man said that he came from Fukien. He had been ruined by Japanese deprivations and wished to make an appeal to the Governor.

"He seemed a very nice old gentleman," said Captain Batty-Smith. "Probably his story was true." He had evidently seen better days.

The man was formally put in the charge of the Police who took him to hospital. There it was found that he was mentally unbalanced.

LIVING COST INDEX British Figures

LONDON, June 18 (British Wire- less).—The official cost-of-living index figure on May 31 was 100 points above the level of July, 1914, showing no change as compared with May 1.

For food alone, the index figure was 70 points above the level of July, 1914, compared with 71 points on May 1, the decline being due mainly to decreases in the prices of fish.

Among items other than food, there was a slight increase in the prices of clothing and clothing materials, partly due to the effects of the purchase tax.

Since this tax came into operation on October 21, the resulting increases in prices have raised the cost of living index figure by approximately five points.

Re-organising U. S. Army Sweeping Changes Possible

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—WASHINGTON, June 18 (UP).—It is learned that Colonel Henry Sumner, Secretary of War, may receive a sweeping plan to reorganise the army air corps to unify its direction and increase its independence. The air corps status would become similar to the marine corps with a single head directing the "United States Army Air Forces." The authority is at present divided between three Generals.

U.S. Naval Reserves WASHINGTON, June 18 (UP).—The Secretary of the Navy, Colonel Frank Knox, to-day announced that naval reserve officers serving in the merchant marine may be ordered to active duty "without their consent." He disclosed that the navy is seeking to enlist from 12,000 to 15,000 men monthly.

Big Cheque From The "Bellows"

The Fellowship of the Bellows has now contributed \$15,000 to the Bomber Fund, the third cheque for \$5,000 having been received yesterday. The appeal to members whose subscriptions were overdue, has met with a good response, although there are still some procrastinators. The membership is increasing satisfactorily, having passed the 2,600 mark.



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"WICK'S" BOWLS NOTES

Recreio "A" Suffer Second Defeat

Incidents That Involved Knowledge Of Rules

Important Game This Week-end

FOR THE INDIANS, their victory over Recreio "A" in the First Division of the League last Saturday was historic. During their four seasons among the seniors, they have beaten, at one time or another, every other team except Recreio "A" who have always proved too good for them. And their success last week was all the more creditable in that it was scored at King's Park.

This was the champions' second defeat this season—a fact which may jeopardise their prospects of retaining the championship.

Certainly the race for League honours in the First Division is now very open with at least three teams running neck to neck.

Once before—in 1939—the Indian nearly beat Recreio "A", but the brilliance of Carlos Silva on the last head of the day—in fact with the last wood—dashed their hopes. In those days the issue was decided on aggregate scores, and when two rinks had finished and A. R. Dallah and Silva were playing their last head the teams were on level terms. Dallah's rink laid the shot when Silva was about to send down his last wood. He seemed to be well and truly blocked on the only hand that was open to him, but he rolled a beauty which rested on the jack for the winning shot.

To return to last week's game. It was Dallah's rink which laid the foundation for the Indians' victory. Playing well to a man, they easily outplayed the rink skipped by R. F. Luz and won by no fewer than 21 shots.

All the way Dallah's four were covering the deficit of the other two Indian rinks. A. K. Minu was in a bad way and was lucky to lose by only ten shots to F. X. M. da Silva, while M. R. Abbas was all the time five or six down to Carlos Silva until the last two shots.

Excitement ran high towards the end as it could be seen that the aggregate result was still very much in doubt. But on the 20th head, Abbas scored a six to tie his score with Carlos Silva, and then finished up with a three for his winning margin.

These two heads swung the scales heavily in favour of the Indians, and with Dallah scoring a brace on the last head, the visitors won by 14 shots—the biggest of three defeats the champions have sustained in 52 matches.

An interesting point cropped up in this match. Carlos Silva, who suffers from kidney trouble, had one of his periodic attacks towards the latter stages of his game. Could he drop out?

The rules say: "In the absence of a single player... the game... will proceed and the number of bowls shall be made up by the playing of the odd bowls by the first and second players, each playing one bowl each end, but one fourth of the total shots scored by any rink playing three men shall be deducted from its score at the end of the game."

That is clear enough. But, if a player, after playing ten heads, for example, is taken ill, what is the procedure?

It has been suggested that he drop out at that stage and a fourth of the total shots scored by his rink in the remaining heads deducted at the end of the game.

Apparently there is a precedent for this. Many years ago, Buchanan, (who was a Prison Warden), playing lead for Craigengower, was summoned back to the prisons owing to a riot having broken out. The game went on and a fourth of the total shots scored on the

remaining heads by his rink were deducted.

If, G. Silva had dropped out in the last five or six heads, and this procedure adopted by his rink, the chances are that his rink would have won. This is not meant to be a reflection on Silva's play; we know what a fine bowler he is. But no man can play properly with a kidney trouble attack.

THERE was another incident in the match which goes to show how few people know the rules. On one of the heads, R. F. Luz dropped his wood and it rolled less than half way down the green. It finished up just the first flag but not up to the second.

Actually the flags had nothing to do with it, but somebody said the wood was dead because it was not past the second flag; and another said the wood was "alive" because it was past the first flag.

The rule says: "Any bowl which comes to rest within 15 yards from the front of the mat shall be counted dead and removed to the bank."

U. M. Omar, the veteran Inter-club skip, who was watching the match, drew attention to this rule.

The distance between the wood and the mat was duly measured, and the wood was subsequently declared "dead."

FIRST round. In the Open Rink Championship was chiefly notable for the victory of U. M. Omar's rink over "Spuggy" Silva's. Although the margin of victory at the end was five shots, the match was very close one, especially in the closing stages when either side might have won.

After the 10th, the scores were 17-16 in Omar's favour. On the 20th, Silva was having the shot when the skips went down. Had he been able to keep this, a different tale might have been told. But Omar rested on the wood to give his side two, and on the last head "Spuggy" had to get four to win. He conceded two.

One peculiar match was played at Kowloon Docks where Adam Holland's rink defeated Eddie Sousa's by 25-22 after conceding five and an eight.

Although there were several close finishes, the other matches provided little of interest inasmuch as the majority of the rinks are not expected to go far.

THIS week's programme of matches in the First Division includes one interesting encounter. The Indians, now on the crest of the wave, will entertain Craigengower at Soekunpo, where the home team are always difficult to beat. It will be a good match to watch, but I am not forecasting the result.

Another good game will be that between Kowloon B.G.C. "A" and Police. The latter have two good rinks, and if only they could strengthen their third, they would be a formidable side.

Perhaps the return of J. C. S. Fender and J. Orem to the Colony will prove to be the answer to their prayers. I understand that they are both due back shortly.



Adam Holland's rink in action against E. C. Fincher's in the K.C.C.-K.B.G.C. "A" Bowls match on Saturday. G. Deacon (No. 1) bowling with L. Jack, W. Mulcahy, A. E. Perry and W. L. Walker looking on.—Ming Yuen.

25-1 Outsider Wins Wartime Derby

Louis' Most Formidable Opponent Conn Bids For Title

NEW YORK, June 18 (Reuter).—To-night Joe Louis will have what is expected to be his hardest fight since he won the world heavyweight boxing title from James J. Braddock by a knock-out in the eighth round on June 22, 1937. Since then he has been challenged 17 times and has won generally well inside the distance. To-night, his 18th challenger is Billy Conn, the Irish-American who, after decisively defeating all-comers in the light-heavyweight class, renounced that crown last month to tackle Louis. It is expected Conn will give Louis at least 20 lb. Those who maintain that a mediocre big 'un will beat a good little 'un expect Louis to retain the title, but many will not be surprised if the negro is dethroned.

Conn Concedes Weight Later—Conn weighed in at 12 stone 6 pounds, which is much below expectations, while Louis weighed 14 stone 13 pounds 2 ounces.

Dr William Walker stated that both men were in excellent condition. He said that Conn showed the least signs of nerves in his bloodpressure and pulse than any fighter he had ever examined.

The weather forecast is "clear, moderate temperature."

Billiards & Snooker

Recreio Beat European "Y" In Return Match

CLUB DE RECREIO were hosts to the European Y.M.C.A. in a friendly billiards and snooker return match yesterday, winning easily by five matches to one.

Highest billiards break of the evening was A. J. Osmund's 66 in his match against C. Terrans. E. M. Soares, who beat C. T. Eager by three points, was second highest with 53.

L. Sykes scored the highest break at snooker with 10 points.

BILLIARDS			
Recreio	Y.M.C.A.		
E. M. Soares (53)	150	C. T. Eager	147
R. F. Luz	60	W. H. Ingleyby	92
A. J. Osmund (66)	208	C. Terrans (45)	70
SNOOKER			
J. C. Remedios	58	H. Jackson	63
E. Noronha	55	E. H. de Costa	44
A. P. Pereira	142	L. Sykes (10)	56

Owen Tudor Easily Beats Morogoro

Packed Trains To Newmarket Heath

LONDON, June 18 (Reuter).—England's second wartime Derby, run to-day at Newmarket instead of traditional Epsom Downs, resulted in a win for Owen Tudor, 25-1 outsider, who finished a length and a half in front of Morogoro, 11-2.

Places were:
Owen Tudor (Nevett) ... 1
Morogoro (Harry Wragg) ... 2
Firoze Din (Stephenson) ... 3
Betting: 25-1 Owen Tudor, 11-2 Morogoro, 100-1 Firoze Din.
Won by a length and a half; two lengths.

Time: 2:35.
Clubs: Single Court (Cliff Richards), Royal Academy (Gethin), Cuedley (Jones), Mazarin (Bartlam), Devonian (Perryman), Sell (Hasson), Valdivian (Herbert), Starwort (Joe Taylor), Anneton (Arthur Thoroughfare), Sun Wragg, Chateau (H. Bridgland), Sunceastle (Pat Beasley), Orthodox (Denis Smith), Ploenny (Ephraim Smith), Camperdown (Lowrey), Lumbert (Simmel (Elliot), Sunny Island (Carey) and Fairy Prince (Line).

Following was the final call-over:
Lumber Simmel 5 to 1 and 6; Sun Castle 11 to 2 and 6; Morogoro 6 to 1 and 6; Devonian 10 to 1 and 6; 21 to 2; Chateau Rose 100 to 1 and 6; Mazarin 100 to 1 and 6; 15 to 1; Starwort 100 to 1 and 6; Thoroughfare 100 to 1 and 6; Ploenny 10 to 1 and 6; Fairy Prince 20 to 1 and 6; Anneton 25 to 1 and 6; Camperdown 10 to 1 and 6; Cuedley 25 to 1 and 6; Owen Tudor 25 to 1 and 6; 33 to 1 and 6; Mazarin 33 to 1 and 6; Sunny Island 33 to 1 and 6; Royal Academy 40 to 1 and 6; Pelles 40 to 1 and 6; 50 to 1 and 6; Solin Hazen 50 to 1 and 6; Single Court 60 to 1 and 6; Firoze Din 100 to 1 and 6.

Owen Tudor, owned by Mrs Macdonald Buchanan, daughter and heiress of Lord Woolavington. His much better fancied stable companion Morogoro was soundly beaten.

He is the seventh Derby winner trained by Fred Darling, who has thus equalled the record held by the late John Porter.

Mrs Buchanan is the third woman to own a Derby winner. The successful jockey, W. Nevett, obtained special leave from his army duties. It was his first Derby success.

Packed Trains Early morning trains which left London were packed with people bound for the Heath to witness the Derby. There seemed greater interest than last year and the open nature of the race was shown by the wide betting range among the 20 runners, nearly all of whom had followers.

A late wire from the course suggested Anneton as a sound each-way proposition, though there was still money for the shorter priced runners. Many uniformed people were among the visitors, officers and men on leave taking the opportunity to see the race. One party was of Czech-Slovakian officers.

Despite wartime conditions and the fact that it was a substitute race, it was generally considered the field was of good standard and from a broader viewpoint the race was worth winning despite the reduced value, the winner taking £4,473, compared for instance with £10,025 which was Blue Peter's share in 1939.

King's Horse Fails

Hopes of a royal victory in the opening race were disappointed when the King's Merry Wanderer, starting favourite, failed to reach the first three in the Royston Handicap. The winner was Lord Glinelly's The Pelican which won a thrilling race by a head from Lord Portia's Longriggan.

Record Crowd

Despite the difficulties of travel there was no transport between the town and course—a police inspector expressed the opinion that the crowd was a record for Newmarket.

Racing enthusiasts smilingly trudged the three miles from the station, many arriving long before racing started to picnic on the Heath where they could watch the services maintaining vigilance with aeroplanes zooming above and tanks manoeuvring on the ground.

Many people slept on the Heath owing to lack of accommodation in the

Probables And Jockeys For New Oaks

LONDON, June 18 (Reuter).—Probables and jockeys for the New Oaks are:
Firie (Lowrey), Hill Hampton (Richardson), Felence (Arthur Wragg), Precocity (Beary), Commotion (Harry Wragg), Dancing Time (Perryman), Sunny Dear (Cliff Richards), Sanatoga (Bridgland), Beausite (Taylor), Turkana (Evans), Mercy (Ephraim Smith), Chelan (Bensley), Roman Empress (no jockey).

Les Steers Clears 6ft 11ins Record High Jump

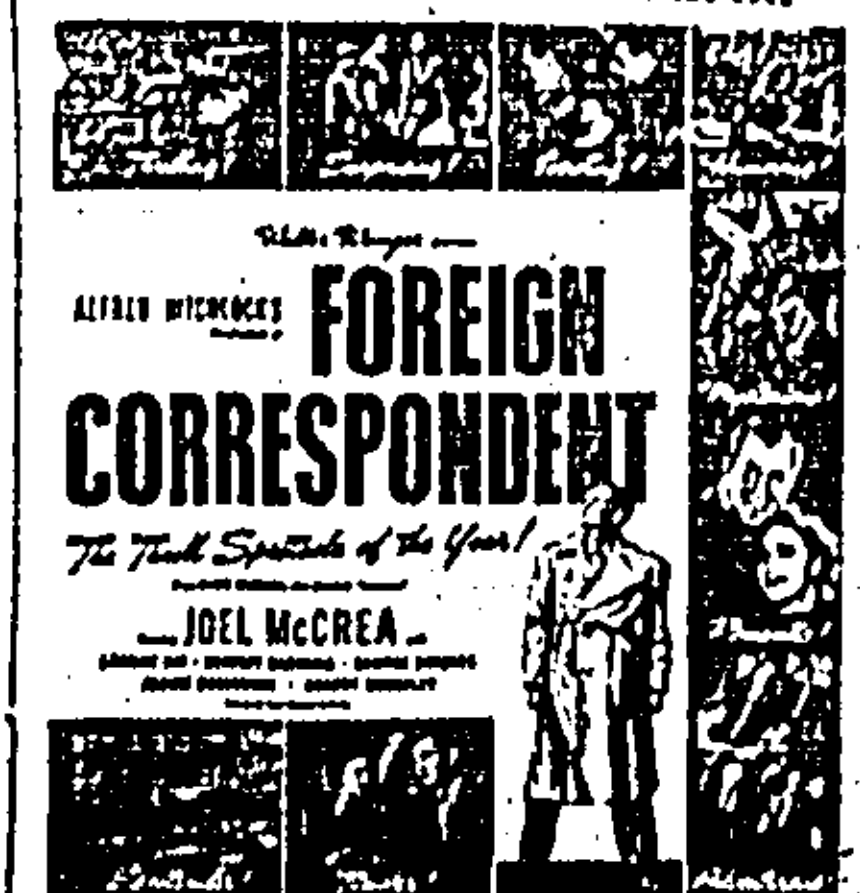
LOS ANGELES, June 18 (Reuter).—Two world athletic records were broken to-day. Les Steers cleared 6 ft 11 in in the high jump and a four-man team from the University of California covered the mile in 3:9 2-5. Steers has been in magnificent form lately. His record effort was the third time in a few weeks that he had improved on the high jump figures, which are fast reaching 7 ft. The relay team was opposed to a team from the University of Southern California, which finished a few inches behind. The previous record was 3:10 7-10 by a British team.

town but all were up bright and early looking for tips.

The recent clothes rationing appeared not to worry the women and few were seen without stockings. The most notable omission was the familiar topper of the menfolk.

Race cards, sold in aid of the Red Cross, brought double the usual price. People continued to pour into the stands even after early arrivals had seen the King's horse run only fifth in the opening race.

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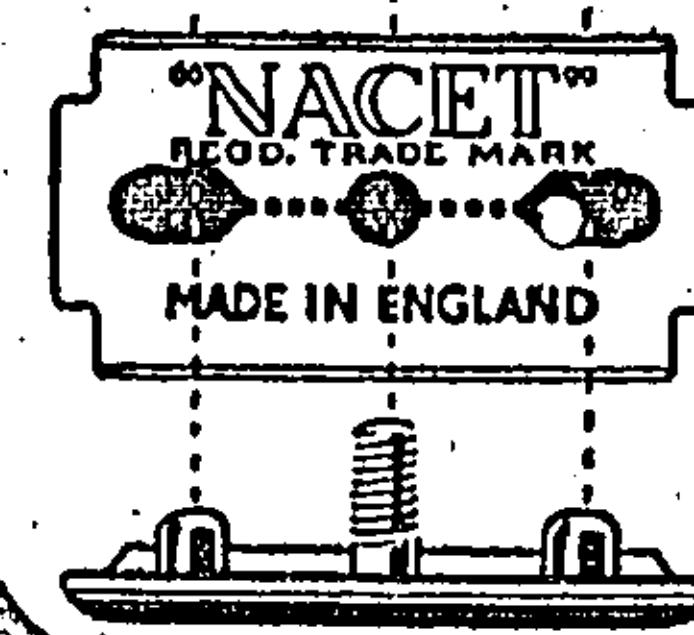
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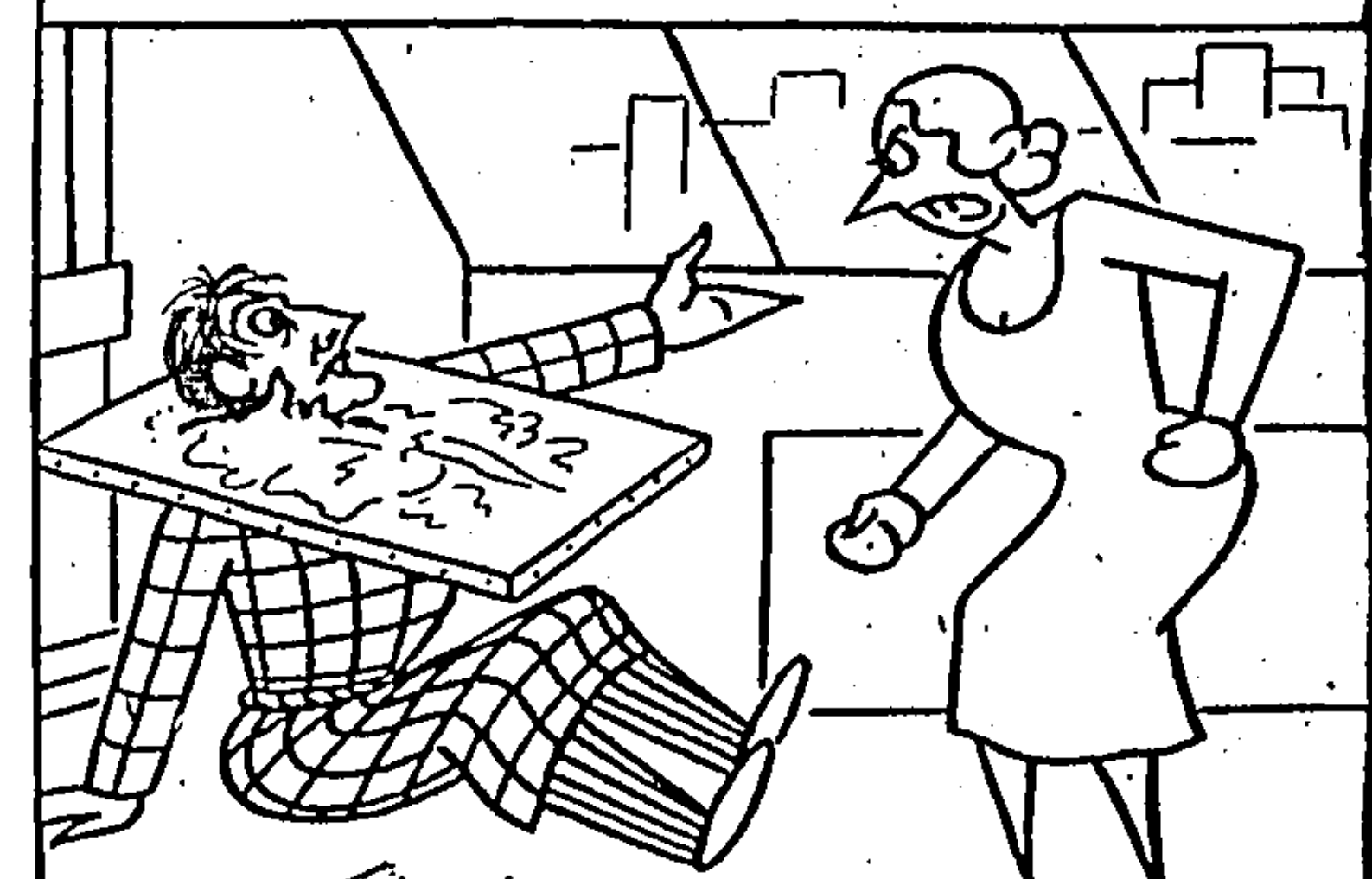
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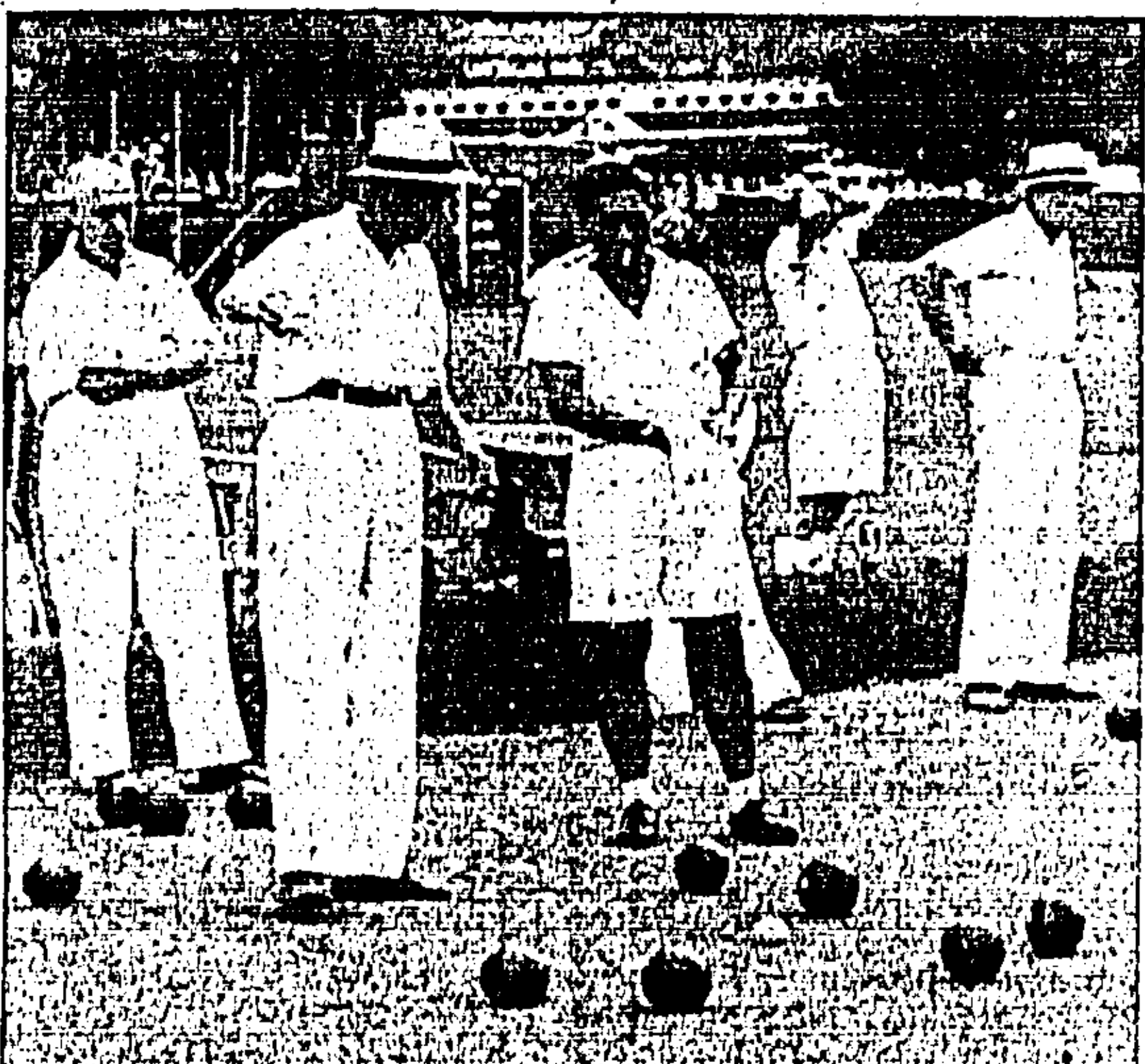
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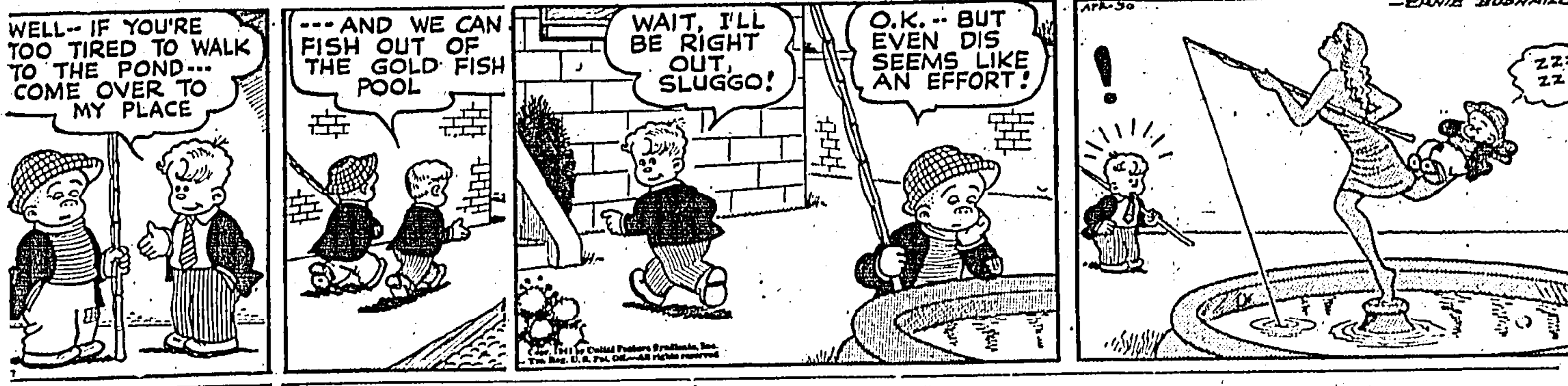
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Rinks Championship game at Craigengower on Sunday. J. S. Landolt watching a wood just sent down by his skip, C. S. Rosset, with R. Bass (behind) and J. H. Xavier (W. Ward's rink) noting its progress.—Ming Yuen.

NANCY



SINO-BURMESE BORDER NOTES

CHUNGKING, June 18 (Reuter).—An exchange of notes between the Chinese and British Governments on the delimitation of the Sino-Burmese frontier took place here at 5 p.m. today.

One note defines in detail the line which will be the frontier between Yunnan and Burma. Another defines the boundaries of the area on the Burma side of the frontier in which the Burmese Government agrees to permit Chinese participation in any mining enterprise which may be undertaken by British concerns.

In 1885, Britain annexed Upper Burma and by the Convention relating to Burma and Tibet entered into between Britain and China in 1886, it was agreed that the frontier between China and Burma would be marked by a delimitation commission.

Negotiations were opened in 1892 and the Convention was signed on March 1, 1894, defining the frontier.

Long In Abeyance

A subsequent agreement in 1897 provided for certain modifications, but considerable difficulties were experienced owing to the inexactness of the terms used in the Convention.

Three separate boundary commissions failed to reach an agreement regarding a portion of the frontier of about 200 miles between the Rivers Namling and Namkai. The matter was in abeyance for over 30 years until in 1934 it was raised again over a difference of opinion regarding the right to investigate certain mineral deposits believed to exist in the disputed area.

By an exchange of notes in Nanking on April 9, 1935, China, Britain and India agreed to the establishment of a Commission under the chairmanship of a Commissioner appointed by the League of Nations, which submitted a report and recommendations.

New Railway

The matter was again shelved when hostilities between China and Japan broke out in the summer of 1937. The question became again acute when the Chinese Government decided to press on with the construction of the Yunnan-Burma Railway. The easiest route would take the railway across the area in dispute.

In these circumstances, aided by the more amiable atmosphere prevailing between China and Britain, a solution was quickly found and this solution was embodied in the notes which were exchanged this afternoon.

SHANGHAI SHOOTING Japanese Say One Man Confesses

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHANGHAI, June 18 (UP).

Japanese army officials today said that Yu Shin-lin, 22, who was captured following the assassination of Mr. Akagi, Japanese Deputy Police Commissioner on June 17, has confessed to the shooting.

Yu asserted that he had been dispatched by General Han Te-chin, the Chungking appointed Governor of Kiangsu province, to go to Shanghai for the purpose of killing Mr. Akagi.

The Municipal police, co-operating with the Japanese, arrested two accomplices at the Dahlo Hotel, Hong-kew, yesterday afternoon following Yu's confession.

Meanwhile, Mr. Paul Schoul, Dean of the Shanghai Consular body, sent a letter to the Japanese Consul General and also to Major Kenneth M. Bourne, Municipal Police Commissioner, expressing "abhorrence" for the "wanton act" of assassination, and also his sorrow.

U.S. Judge On Issues of War

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., June 18 (Reuter).

In the United States Supreme Court, Mr. Justice Felix Frankfurter, one of President Roosevelt's closest New Deal advisers, held that it was fallacious to believe that "war never settles anything."

Speaking against "the paralyzing evasions of thought," Judge Frankfurter, addressing women graduates of Radcliffe College, adjacent to Harvard University, said: "The Civil War settled slavery; this war will settle the quality of your lives and your children's lives."

Skilled Men Overseas

LONDON, June 18 (British Wire- less).

Answering a question in the House of Commons today, the Air Secretary said: "Skilled men overseas whose services are available and who possess the requisite qualifications and are otherwise suitable, are free to enlist in the technical branches of the fighting services, but in order to afford a wider opportunity for skilled technicians overseas to respond to the appeal which was broadcast last night by Lord Beaverbrook, His Majesty's Government have decided to establish a civilian technical corps in which will be enrolled men who volunteer to come to this country for service in the repair and maintenance establishments of the Navy, Army and Air Force in a non-combatant capacity."

Antipodean Liaison

CANBERRA, June 18 (Reuter).

Mr. R. G. Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, announced today that he had discussed the question of an exchange of High Commissioners with Mr. Peter Fraser, New Zealand Prime Minister, when he was passing through there.

The matter had been under discussion for some time.

STARACE IS REPLACED

VICHY, June 18 (Reuter).

Signor Starace, the former Secretary of the Fascist Party, is no longer a member of the Chamber of Fasci and Corporations, says a Rome dispatch.

A decree signed by Mussolini appoints Lieut-General Enzo Galgini in his place. He also replaces Starace as Chief of Staff of the Fascist Militia.

Successor To Sir Mark Young

LONDON, June 18 (Reuter).

Sir Wilfred Jackson, Governor of British Guiana, is appointed Governor of Tanganyika in succession to Sir Mark Aitchison Young, who becomes Governor of Hongkong.

Sir Wilfred Jackson is 59 years old and has spent many years in the Colonial service, having served at various posts in Trinidad, Uganda, Bermuda and the Gold Coast. In 1930 he became Governor of Mauritius, taking over the Governorship of British Guiana seven years later.

Importance Attached To Big Desert Battle

STOCKHOLM, June 18 (Reuter).—"The greatest importance is attached to the outcome of the fighting at Sollum as the losing side will be exhausted," says the Berlin correspondent of the "Dagens Nyheter" today.

The battle, adds the writer, is compared with the hardest fighting in the whole of last year.

Like Marshal Graziani, General Rommel, the German commander, appeared with a prepared offensive and General Wavell attacked in order to break the head of the enemy's advance.

German military circles do not believe that the fighting will continue for many days, owing to difficulties of supply.

CONDUIT ROAD EARLY MORNING LANDSLIDE



Pictures show the damage caused to the house at Conduit Road, occupied as a mess by the Japanese Consular staff, as a result of the crashing of three gigantic boulders from the hillside yesterday morning. Fortunately, there were no casualties. Top picture gives a clear idea of how the rear portion of the premises was crushed in, whilst trunks and boxes are strewn near the damaged fireplace in one of the rooms rendered wide open by the accident. (Photos: Ming Yuen).



'Times' Suggest Gambia Base For U.S. Fleet

LONDON, June 18 (Reuter).

Commenting on the United States measures against German agencies and funds, "The Times" writes, in an editorial: "Everyone familiar with the kind of activity which Germans living abroad are expected to engage in under the direction of the Nazi organisation run by Herr Bohle, will understand why the United States Government felt compelled to terminate the long-standing abuse of American hospitality."

After recalling the circumstances of the sinking of the Robin Moor, "The Times" continues: "In addition to these plain facts, the American Government now have reason to believe that the whole affair has been carefully planned—the approximate point of attack and the sort of vessel to be attacked being chosen to make the greatest possible impression in the South American countries."

Remarking that verbal protests and arguments based on international law were "ineffective means of dealing with pirates," the paper mentions the suggestion that American merchant ships be armed, adding: "It is also reported that negotiations are in progress for the construction of air bases on the coast of Brazil, for which credits would be advanced by the United States and which will be available for the use of the American air force."

Vital Communications

"The Robin Moor was sunk in the waist of the Atlantic, about half-way between Dakar and Pernambuco. It is a vital area for United States communications with South America, South Africa and East Africa."

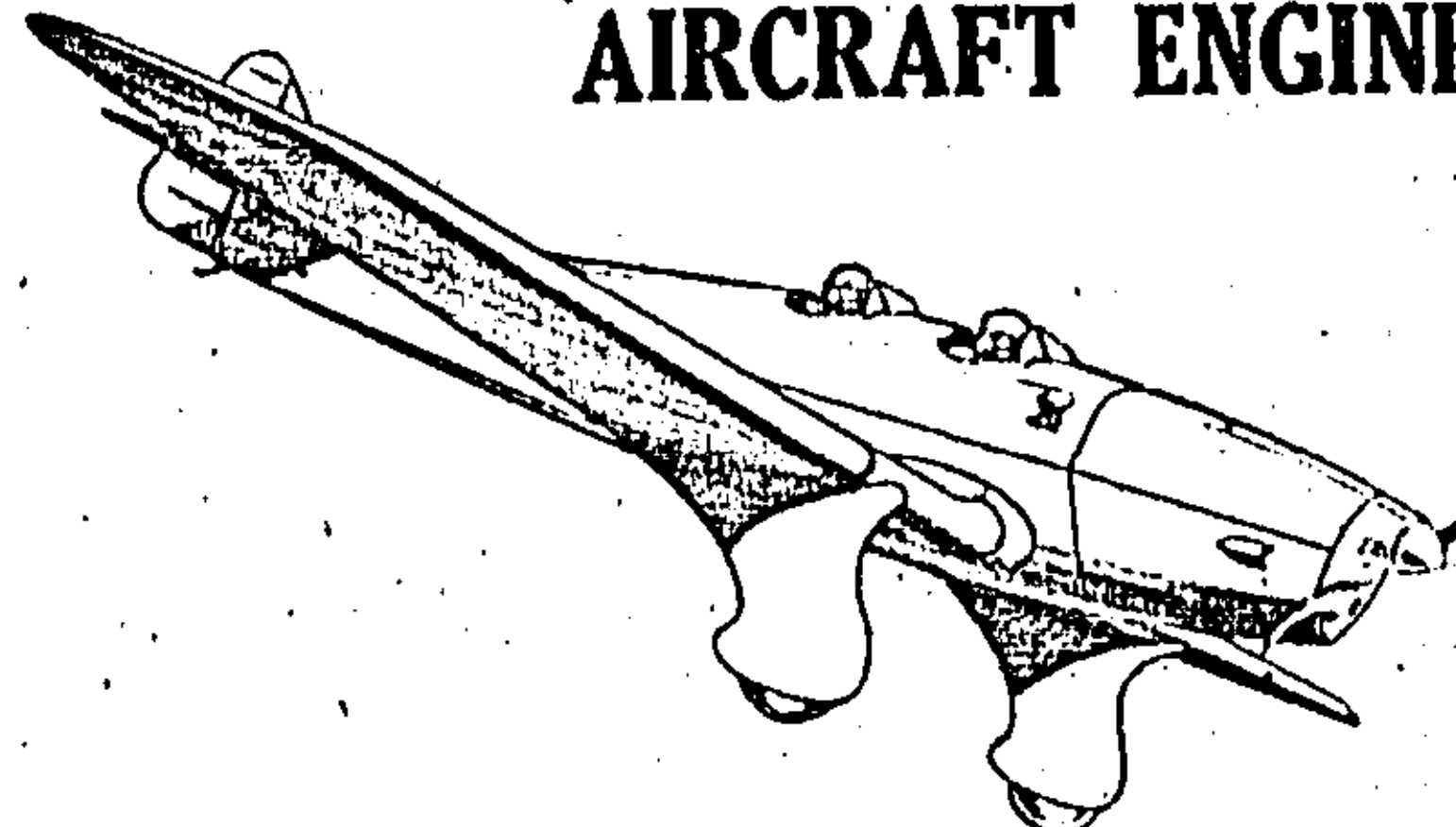
"The Times" suggests that while a base on the Brazilian side would be useful, its usefulness would be more than doubled if supplemented by a base in West Africa. Sites in British Gambia, not more than a day's motor run from Dakar could be leased to the United States—an analogy of the West Indian bases.

CHUNGKING, June 18 (Central News).—With a view to assisting the local authorities in air defence Chinese residents in Vancouver, Canada, have organised an A.R.P. unit.

By Ernie Bushmiller

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Three Italian Ships Sunk

British Subs. Active

LONDON, June 18 (Reuter).

It is officially announced that British submarines operating in the Aegean Sea have torpedoed and sunk an Italian tanker and three caiques, one of the latter being laden with German personnel and another with drums of oil.

British submarines in the central Mediterranean have sunk two Italian supply ships.

The Italian tanker was the Giuseppe Ghacardi, of 3,319 tons.

Finnish Ships Detained

LONDON, June 18 (UP).

The Ministry of Economic Warfare today announced that the Royal Navy has intercepted and detained three Finnish ships which were en route to Petsamo during the past few days. It was stated that Britain no longer regards Finland as a "truly independent State."

Accused Testifies In Kenya Society Trial

NAIROBI, June 18 (Reuter).—Sir Delves Broughton, who is charged with the murder of the Earl of Erroll, giving evidence in the trial today did not agree that Erroll's death was a satisfactory solution to his (Broughton's) domestic troubles.

He agreed that he had previously said that he would take his wife back if Erroll and she fell out of love while Broughton was in Ceylon, but he now added that his wife had depended on what kind of life she had led while he was away.

Replying to the judge, accused said:

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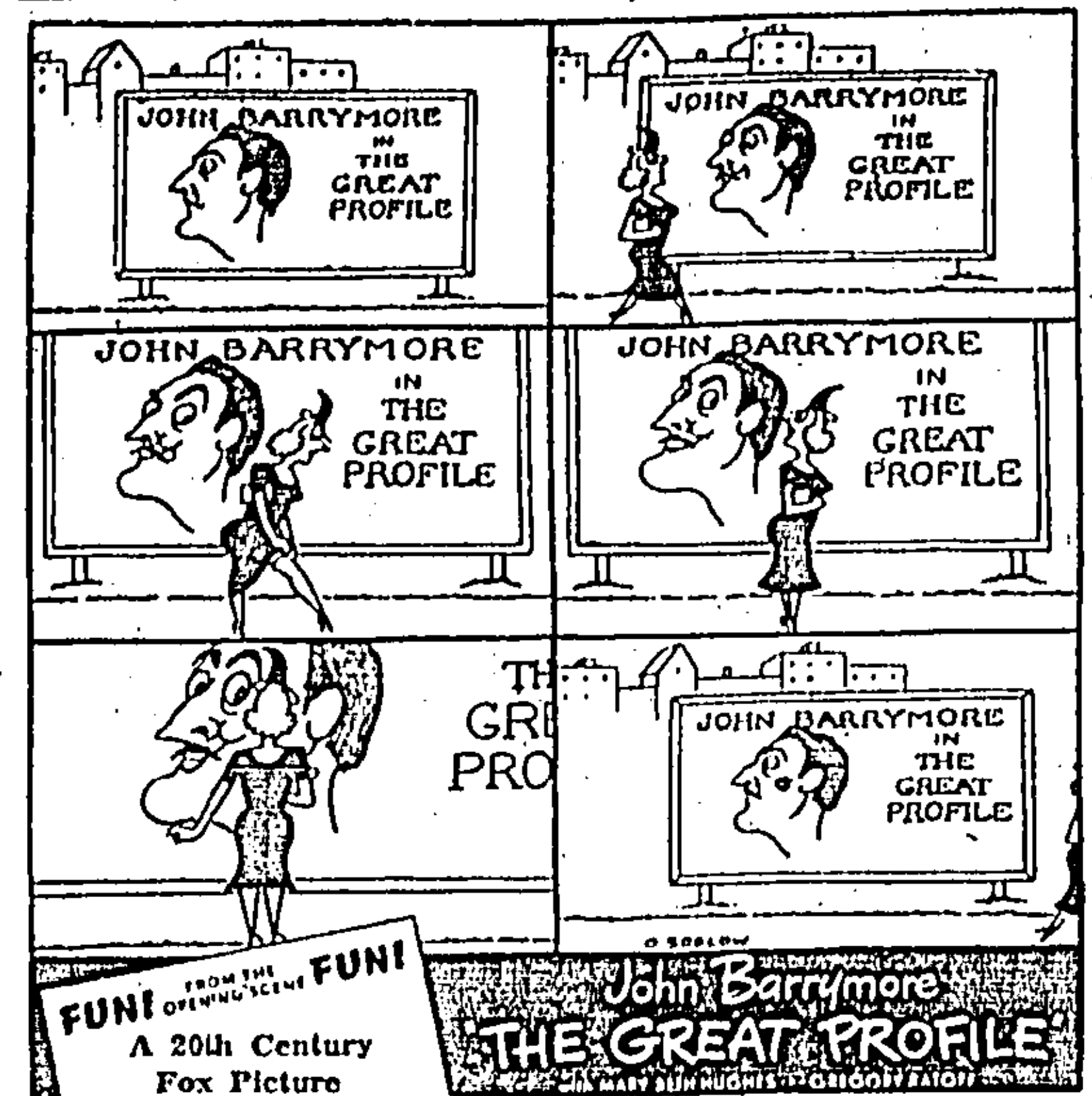
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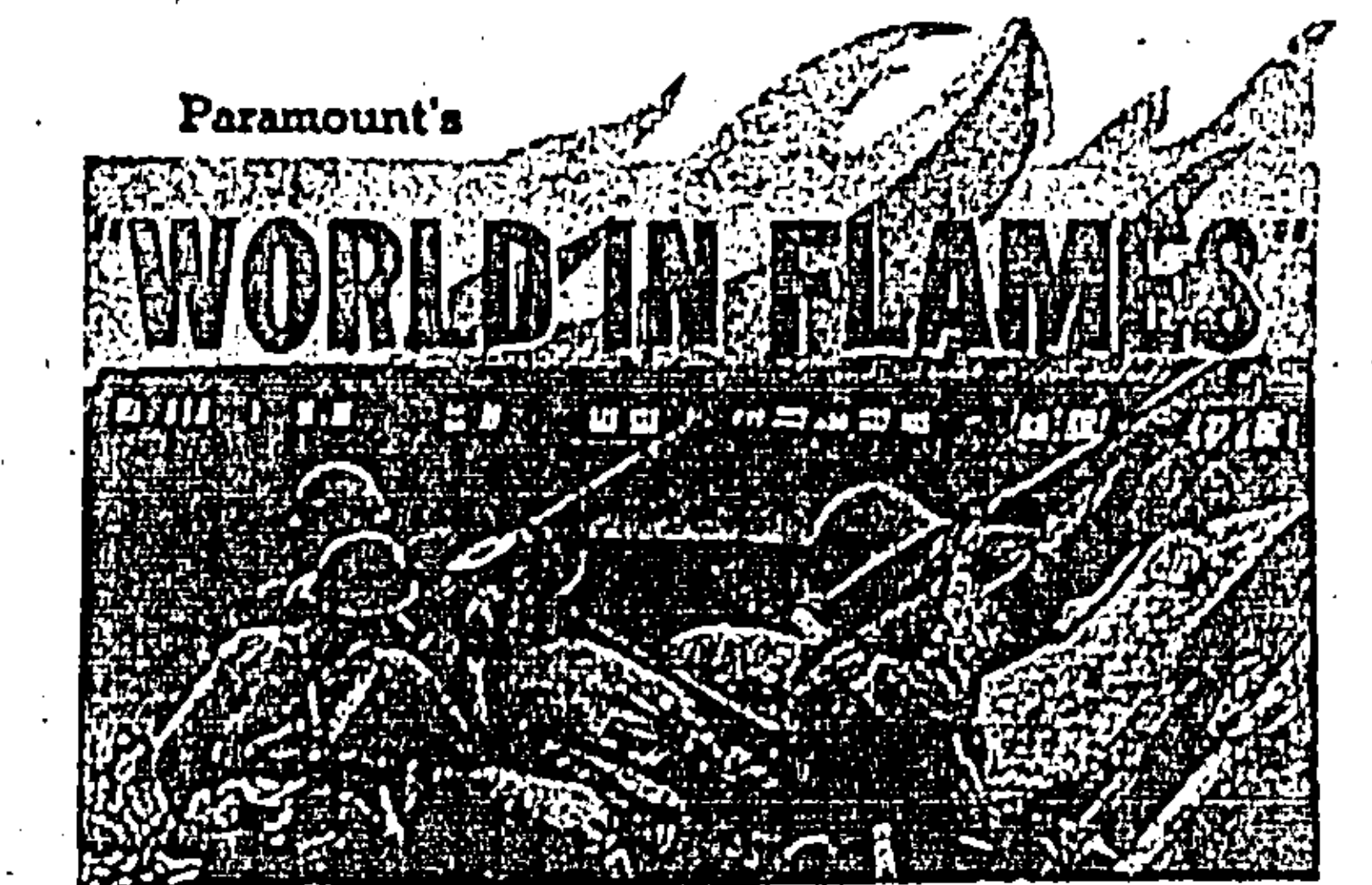


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TURKEY SIGNS WITH GERMANY

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allowing German troops the right of passage through Turkey.
Turkey has not only preserved her present state of non-involvement in war, but while maintaining her sovereign and territorial integrity has shown her determination to remain faithful to the spirit of goodwill and friendship implicit in the Anglo-Turkish Treaty of Alliance.

The new treaty specifically makes reservation in respect of Turkey's previous commitments. It may be assumed that Germany will exaggerate the significance of the agreement and attempt to exploit it as part of the nerve war upon Russia, but it will not destroy Turkey's friendship with Britain, nor involve Turkey in any course that would embarrass Great Britain.

British authorities throughout have been kept informed of the progress of negotiations.

Sarajoglu Explains
LONDON, June 18 (Reuter).—"The actual and existing obligations of the two parties are unaffected" declared the Turkish Foreign Minister, M. Sarajoglu, in a statement to the Press on the German-Turkish Treaty quoted by the Ankara radio, which broke into its normal programme at 11 p.m. to give the text of the Treaty and M. Sarajoglu's comments.

Declaring that Turkey and Germany "confirmed for the future that the two countries will not oppose one another in any way," M. Sarajoglu said, "Turkey and Germany have never been in opposition in the course of the vicissitudes of world events for centuries. Those mutual relations which have always been clear and correct, have in the treaty laid the foundation of their friendship on a most solid basis."

M. Sarajoglu expressed "pleasure" in announcing the signing of the Treaty and referred to the "very special efforts that my friend Von Papen, who knows my country well, has made to bring about this result."

"Finally I express the wish that the publications of the Press and radio of our countries, should be made in the spirit of friendship and mutual trust which characterises the relations between Germany and Turkey."

Economic Treaty
BERLIN, June 18 (Reuter).—Simultaneously with the signing of the Turkish-German Treaty, identical notes were exchanged between the two countries saying that the Governments were prepared to promote as far as possible economic relations between Germany and Turkey.

The notes add, "bearing in mind the openings presented by the economic structure of the two countries and using as a basis the experience each country has had of the other in war, the two countries will forthwith enter into negotiations to establish a treaty basis for carrying out this agreement."

Free French Reach Damascus Suburbs

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This action is in fact in full swing. Further east, the Allied forces are slowly making their way down the foothills leading to Damascus Plain. With Allied columns making headway towards the city from various points of the compass, the situation is, however, somewhat confused. Indian troops here, as in North Africa, are taking part and are doing a fine job of work, particularly in the coastal sector.

Kuneitra Recaptured
JERUSALEM, June 18 (Reuter).—It is authoritatively stated that the Allies have recaptured Kuneitra.

Darlan's Appeal
VICHY, June 18 (UP).—Admiral Darlan, the Vice Premier, in a radio speech addressed to the de Gaulle troops fighting in Syria, offered amnesty if they desert the British, cross the lines and surrender to General Dentz, but added that there would be no amnesty for officers, who would be punished if they were caught.

The Admiral reiterated that there are no Germans or Italians fighting in Syria, wherefore he invited General de Gaulle to cease fighting against Frenchmen.

Allied Occupations
LONDON, June 18 (Reuter).—Free French and British troops have occupied all fortified positions to the east and west of Kiswe, 12 miles south of Damascus, says a communiqué from Free French Headquarters in the Middle East, carried from Jerusalem by the Independent French Agency.

Beirut Bombed
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BEIRUT, June 18 (UP).—On Tuesday night Beirut had three bombings in which six civilians were killed and twenty wounded.

In The Suburbs
LONDON, June 18 (Reuter).—Free French troops have now reached the western suburbs of Damascus, according to a dispatch to the Independent French news agency from its correspondent with the French forces in Syria.

Vichy troops are still holding the village of Meze, some three miles from Damascus.

Other French and Indian troops are pushing forward along the Kiswe-Damascus road, east of the mountainous district of Janou Atriz. Vichy artillery is shelling the road south of Kiswe in a last effort to delay the fall of Damascus, but Allied supply and troop convoys continue to come through unimpeded.

Vichy Naval Claim
VICHY, June 18 (Reuter).—French naval units bombarded British troops in the Sidon area on Tuesday evening, says a semi-official Beirut telegram.

U. S. Naval Reservists
WASHINGTON, June 18 (Reuter).—Stand-by orders have been issued to the last remaining naval reservists, states the Navy Department.

LATE NEWS

Joe Louis Wins Again

NEW YORK, June 18 (Reuter).—Joe Louis retained his heavyweight boxing title to-night when he knocked out Billy Conn in the 13th round of their championship bout.

Conn was leading six rounds to four with two even when the men entered upon the 13th round. Midway through the round Louis landed two stiff lefts and one right to the head. Conn came leaping from the corner throwing lefts and rights to the head and driving Louis to the centre of the ring.

Louis threw a right to the head and then another which staggered Conn, but he came back fighting. However, Louis landed a right uppercut and then a left and a right to Conn's head. Another left and right floor the challenger while Louis landed a right to the head as Conn was getting to his feet at the count of ten.

Britain's Latest Secret Weapon

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, June 18 (UP).—British Air Commander George Elph announced to-day that he is opening offices in New York City to arrange for thousands of American volunteers to proceed to Britain to operate Britain's "secret weapon", namely aeroplane detector equipment to frustrate night bombers.

He said that the most suitable technicians would receive attractive wages. He added that the volunteer programme has been approved by the U.S. Government and its consent was a "substitute" for actual recruiting which Britain desired to undertake but which American officials prohibit.

German Women To Leave N.E.I.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
SINGAPORE, June 18 (UP).—It is authoritatively stated that two Japanese ships are being made available for the free transport of all German women in the Dutch East Indies to Japan, from where they will eventually be repatriated to Germany. They will be departing within a few days.

Council & H.E.'s Resignation

Regret at the impending departure of His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, was expressed by the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, Senior Unofficial Member, at a meeting of the Legislative Council this afternoon.

The Hon. Mr. Paterson said: "Sir, may I say on behalf of the Unofficial Members and the community how very distressed we all were to learn of your impending departure. Words are always empty things and I am not going to talk at great length. I only want to say how very sorry we are that you are leaving."

In thanking Mr. Paterson for his remarks, His Excellency said: "I may say that I am extremely grieved when I felt bound in duty by the Council's advice which I received to surrender my trust to the hands of the Secretary of State and to make way for a more able-bodied Governor. I thank the Council very much for all the support and assistance given me."

More Bachelors To Pay Taxes

That His Excellency the Governor has given authorisation for further consideration to be made to the question of increasing the allowances for the third and fourth children, in respect to salaries tax was revealed by the acting Financial Secretary, Hon. Mr. R. Todd at today's meeting of the Legislative Council.

However, to offset this concession to married taxpayers, Government proposes to tax unmarried men more heavily by reducing the exemption limit of \$4,800 to \$3,600. In this connection Mr. Todd pointed out that the exemption limit for the U.K. income tax now stands at £110 or \$1,700.

Mr. Todd then proposed the first reading of the Bill to amend and consolidate the War Revenue Ordinance of 1940, which provides for basic rates of seven and 14 per cent. taxes on all save the Salaries Tax, where the basic rate will be six per cent for the first \$5,000.

Titanic Battle Raging In Desert

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tre of the plain, we had a grandstand view of the British shelling of the Pass from a protecting wall. We could follow the shells from the flash to the final satisfactory pop as great fountains of sand and smoke plumed into the air around the German positions.

Meanwhile, British light artillery was moving closer and medium and heavy guns were steadily advancing from the rear.

Never for one minute were fighter planes absent. Back at Brigade Headquarters, the Brigadier again gave us a few moments in which he announced the capture of Bir Weir, which is strategically almost as important as Capuzzo.

Now A Local Action
CAIRO, June 18 (Reuter).—The battle was still raging fiercely to-day in the triangle east of Halfaya (Hell-fire) Pass, according to the latest reports received here from the front. Amid the wrecks of tanks, which have been knocked out, armoured giants continue to belabour each other with shells.

Military circles in Cairo emphasise that this continues to be a local action aimed only at securing the high ground at the top of the Pass. This area resembles the observation posts so bitterly contested in the last war. Possession of it is not vital but is of considerable advantage to whichever side which holds it.

Indian troops are among those sharing the hard fighting round Halfaya Pass.

Cairo Communique
CAIRO, June 18 (UP).—To-day's general headquarters communique stated, "After we had repulsed several attacks, the enemy brought up fresh forces and attempted an encircling movement against our forward troops. As we had accomplished our objects in forcing him to disclose his strength, and inflicted heavy casualties, we withdrew slowly to our forward positions. We brought back several hundred German prisoners and destroyed a large number of tanks and guns."

Rome Version
ROME, June 18 (UP).—An official communique issued late to-night at Sollum states that British troops carried out a double-barrelled action against the Italian-German front line at Sollum by means of two columns which the Axis forces succeeded in encircling and wiping out with heavy losses on both sides. The communique says that the first British column was between Sidi Omar and Ghirba and the second was in the desert zone between Fort Capuzzo and northern Sollum.

Experts' Reaction To Nazi-Turkish Treaty

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passage across Turkish territory but assumed that the Hitler-von Papen tactics are merely nipping and that a further advance of German power in Turkey must be expected. The effect on the Iran and Arab States are thought likely to be favourable to Germany.

The news has not yet been published in Britain and while there is no sign that it will seriously shake Mr. Eden's position, it will hardly strengthen it. Officials continue to assure newsmen that Sir Stafford Cripps is returning to Moscow unless Russia becomes embroiled in a war with Germany and then only if Moscow reveals some inclination to make terms with Britain.

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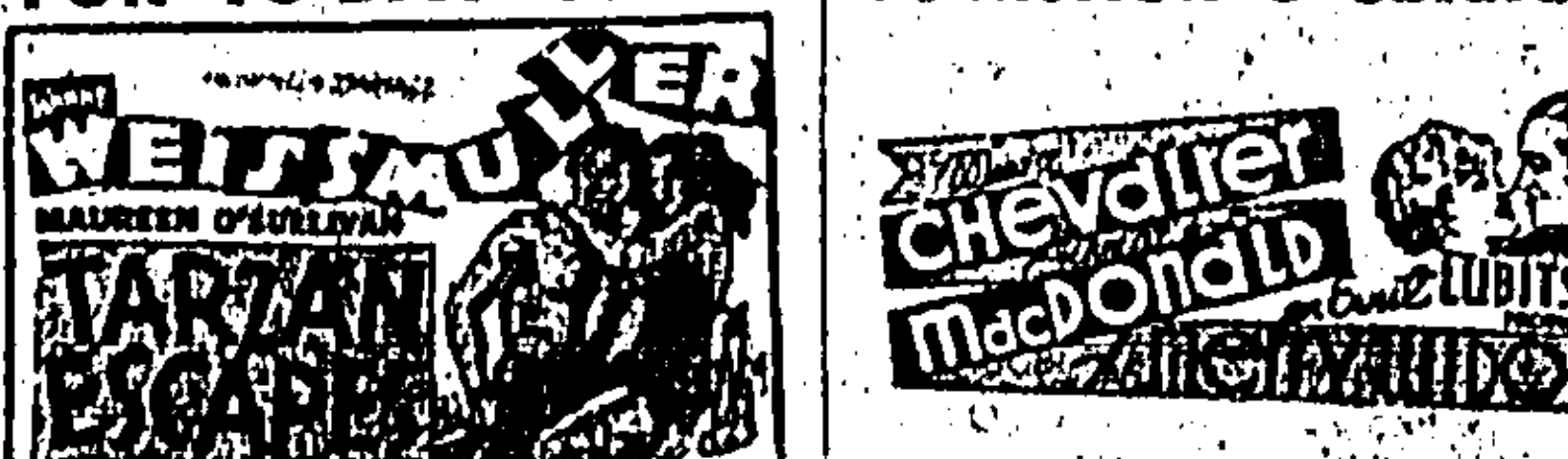
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